

CAMBRELENG-IANA.

The City Councils as respondents.

Q. Can you tell why the grass in the public squares looks so yellow and sickly at the roots, when your mowers are cutting their crop?

A. (*Aside*—What an ignoramus!) Every body knows that is because it is suffered to bloom before cutting.

Q. What would be the effect of cutting the grass more frequently in Washington Square?

A. The loss of the hay crop.

Q. Would it not speedily create a beautiful velvet sward, of clover principally?

A. To be sure it would: but then the yard overseer would lose his perquisite.

Q. What is the chief use of a public square?

A. To grind gravel in during the spring, and make hay during the summer.

Q. Would it be desirable to have more shade and shrubbery in any of the squares?

A. Not at all—there are so many trees already, as to interfere with hay-making.

Q. What is the idea in dividing the long seats by partitions?

A. To thwart the views of *lying* lovers. (*i*lubbers.)

Q. Are not the single seats rather inconvenient for the aged?

A. By no means—it is expected that they all bring a cane to lean upon.

Q. When will the western city squares be improved?

A. Not until their neighborhood is thickly covered with brick houses.

Q. Would they not be pleasant retreats now, if put in order?

A. Not at all—who wants to visit parks or gardens away out among the commons and brick yards.

Q. Is Macadamising streets an expensive process?

A. Oh, don't mention it!