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Memorandum: N.O. Nelson, tenement housing in St. Louis

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MEMO. on N. O. NELSON.

Mr. Huson, Miss Kate Bernard's friend, tells me that her first work was done for the St. Louis "Post Dispatch" with a reporter of the paper, she made the rounds at night of various tenement houses, former homes of rich inhabitants who had turned them into tenements with the shift of the City. It involved the names of the richest and most respected men in St. Louis. There was a demand instantly from them for a retraction. Among the men named was N. O. Nelson. He proposed that before retraction was made, the reporter go with the gentleman himself to see the conditions Miss Barnard had described. A few days later they said that Miss Barnard had not begun to see the worst. This was the beginning of a reform in housing in St. Louis.