

SAN FRANCISCO STORE

Men's Clothing

You would not think it possible, but it is so. We can sell you a black clay worsted suit, lined with the best of material we know of—we use no other—for \$10. These suits are made with round or square corners. Ask for lot 7172.

Then we have some fancy worsted suits also with round or square corners, for \$9.75. These are made as well as our factory knows how to make clothes, and if you can't get fitted in these, no ready-made clothing will fit you. Ask for lot 6695.

Here is a particularly attractive line, the material is elegant and the workmanship superior in every way. They are cheviot suits of winter weight and we ask only \$8.50. Ask for lot 903.

The foregoing is not the only line of chevots we carry. Ask for lot 719 and see what they are. You will be pleased with them as they are nice enough for anybody to wear. We have marked the price on these \$10.50 just for a surprise.

Young Men's Clothing

We are selling twice as much young men's clothing this year as we did a year ago. This must mean that what we sold last year suited a lot of young men, and they have been telling their friends about it. Yes, and it means that our stock this year is just new and nobby enough to catch them anyway.

Ask to See Some of These

Single-breasted sack suits, brown mixed cheviot, strong or faint plaid as you choose. Double-breasted sack suit, brown heringbone cheviot.

Single-breasted sack suit, fashionable collar, double-breasted vest. Gray and red mixed, making a broken plaid.

Single-breasted sack suit, with double-breasted vest of gray Scotch plaid cheviot.

Single-breasted sack suit, with double-breasted vest; gray cheviot with overplaid of green.

Single-breasted sack suit, fine check worsted.

Some of these are pretty gay, some are quiet—just like young men.

Boys' Clothing

Somebody's small boy is going to be mightily satisfied with himself when his mamma gets him one of those new cape coats that have just come. We don't make any money to speak of on these, but we have to do something to stop some people from buying cotton. Now, whether he is three or fourteen years of age, he shall have one for \$2.35. Don't believe it? Well come in and see, and ask for lot 3932.

Just another word about the boys. Do you want your little fellow to look real swell? If so, we have a line of boys' blue serge double-breasted suits, ages from 7 to 14, that are positively beautiful. These suits, including an extra pair of pants, we are going to sell this week for \$6.00. We won't tell you how we can afford it for the story would be too long for our space. Ask particularly for lot 17483.

If the above price is too high, ask for lot 17482. These are suits of a gray mixture, including an extra pair of pants, for \$3.75. They are dressy and are sure to delight the proud little wearer. Don't fail to examine them.

Overcoats

Our assortment is a surprise. Portlanders would come down to price and purchase these.

LOT 7340.—Men's covert cloth overcoats \$9.50. Stylish and astonishingly low price.

LOT 8010.—Men's blue beaver overcoats, \$9.00. If you say you can duplicate these for the money anywhere else, it would be a statement hard to believe.



490 Commercial Street,

Astoria, Oregon.

HOW OUR TROOPS CROSS THE SEA

A Correspondent Has Been Investigating This Subject.

UNCLE SAM'S TRANSPORTS

Frank G. Carpenter Declares the American System a Marvel to Christendom.

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Uncle Sam's transports! How shall I describe them? They are the wonder of Europe, France is making copies of them for her army, and the British are investigating their modern improvements for the comfort of the soldier. The creation of the system is a marvel to Christendom. Two years ago we had not a ship of the kind. Since then about 250,000 soldiers have been carried to and from the West Indies and the Philippines and the United States, and this has been done without the loss of a single life by the carelessness of officials or defective arrangements. Today an army greater than that which Xenophon led on his famous retreat to the sea is steaming across the Pacific, and long before Christmas all the new regiments will have passed through Manila on their way to the field of action.

During the past summer I have had a chance to see something of the freight and passenger ships which Uncle Sam owns. I have traveled on the best steamship lines of the world, but I have yet to find ships better equipped and better managed. I went to Porto Rico on the McPherson thence with a thousand soldiers on the Mississippi to Cuba, and came back to the United States on the same vessel. I have been upon many of the other transports now on the Atlantic and Pacific, and as a fleet I doubt whether there is anything like it in Europe.

Our transport fleet consists of sixty-four vessels of all classes. It has eighteen large ships, some of which burn 100 tons of coal a day and carry 1,500 soldiers at one time. Such are the Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Meade, and such also the Logan and Thomas. Each of these ships is so long that it would fill a city street fifty feet wide from block to block. It has three or four great decks or stories, which are divided up into compart-

ments, rooms and quarters, making it a city itself. When it starts out it has enough souls aboard it to people a large town. It has something like two thousand men; or as many men as you would find in a city of 10,000 population, the rest being made up of women and children. It has to carry this crowd over from 7,000 to 12,000 miles of water, as to whether it goes from San Francisco or New York to Manila, and it must feed and keep them comfortable during a voyage of from thirty-six to forty-two days. It will be readily seen that this task is no slight one, and that it is exceedingly important that the ship be properly arranged.

THE MODERN TRANSPORT.

This has been the study of Quartermaster General Ludington and his force, and especially of Colonel Charles Bird, at the head of the transport division at Washington; Colonel F. B. Jones, general superintendent of the army transport service, New York, and Colonel C. F. Long of the same service in San Francisco. It is through the efforts of these men chiefly that the modern transport has been evolved, a ship which is peculiar to the United States army, and which surpasses in its comforts anything of its kind in the world. I wish I could take you on some of the ships which are now carrying the soldiers to the Philippines. They are enormous vessels, built of steel, as high as six-story houses and containing as many rooms as a big summer hotel. They are heated by steam and lighted by electricity. They have great kitchens, with a corps of cooks, scullions and waiters. Each has a bakery where all the bread used on board is baked. Every one has a cold storage plant and refrigerator, which keeps the meat fresh and keeps green vegetables and ripe fruits throughout the voyage, and each has condensing machines which distill pure water from that of the sea, and gives the men fresh water throughout the voyage.

SOLDIER LIFE ON A TRANSPORT.

No effort is spared for the comfort of the soldier. Each man has his own bunk, consisting of a canvas mattress, or sheet fastened to gas pipes, and so stretched that it is as comfortable as a spring bed. These bunks are put up in three tiers, one above another, and are so arranged that they can be taken down during the day and the canvas washed or aired, while the space can be used for exercise. There is one deck for eating and exercising. The meals are served upon swinging tables which are let down from the ceiling and drawn up between meals. In fact, not an inch of room is wasted, and the men have ample space for drill and play. Each ship has a reading room, which contains an organ and other musical instruments and which is supplied with books and papers, and especially with song books for use in religious services. The reading matter and music are not furnished by the government, however, but are a gift of the ladies of the Army and Navy League of the United States. In the new transport Logan the reading room is walled with glass.

Prisoners and chess. Coffee and tea. For meals like this this we each pay 50 cents, or \$1.50 per day. I am not sure, but I think the meals on the ships to the Philippines cost only \$1 a day. The common soldiers are well fed, although of course they do not have such a variety as that above described.

DISCIPLINE.

Soldiers on a trip like that to Manila are under as strict discipline almost as on shore. Each company is in charge of its officers, and everything moves like clock work. The hours for exercise are prescribed. The men are regularly inspected by the surgeon. They have to go to bed and get up at a given time, and almost every hour of the day has its duty. At 6 a. m. reveille is sounded, at 6:30 breakfast, at 7:15 the sick call, at 8 guard mounting, at 10 inspection, and at 12 dinner. At 4 p. m. there is another sick call, at thirty minutes after sunset inspection, at 5 p. m. supper, at 8:45 call to quarters, and at 9 p. m. taps, when lights are out and all are supposed to be in bed.

The ventilation of the men's quarters is an interesting feature. They sleep in many cases below the water line, and when it was planned to turn freight steamers into troop ships it was a question as to how the men could live in such quarters. Yankee invention, however, provided a system of ventilation which is entirely successful. By means of steam fans, coolers and water pipes, registers, etc., air of just the right temperature of heat and cold is sent at will through every part of the ship. This is also the case with the ships transporting animals, of which I write further on.

HOW THE OFFICERS LIVE.

In addition to the quarters for the common soldiers there are on each of the steamers cabins for the officers and a special table at which they eat, paying an amount per day which just about equals the cost of the food consumed. The cabins and other rooms of this part of the ship are as comfortable and as well equipped as those of a large ocean steamer and the table is as good as man could wish. Here, for instance, is a sample dinner bill of fare on the McPherson. It is one which I saved during my trip:

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| Oysters. | Soups. | Tomato. |
| Baked blue with wine sauce. | Rice. | Fish. |
| Salmi duck and olives. Shrimp patties. | Entrees. | Calveshead on tortue. |
| Corned beef and string beans. | Roast. | Vegetables. |
| Ribs of beef. | Veal with dressing. | Mashed and sweet potatoes. Parsnips. |
| Boiled. | Egg plant. | Salad. |
| Lobster. | Olives. | Desert. |
| Tapoca pudding, wine sauce, Apple and blueberry pie. Wine jelly. Assorted cakes. | Fruits. | Oranges, Grapes, Pears, Figs, Nuts. |

NO LACK OF FOOD HERE.

In order to show that there is no lack of food I have taken from a recent report sent to the commissary general the amount of various articles which the transport Sherman had on board when starting out, with 151 officers and 1,800 men, on a recent trip to Manila:

- Fresh beef, 44,978 pounds; bacon, 6,000 pounds; veal, 900 pounds; flour, 253,000 pounds; hardtack, 40,000 pounds; baking powder, 3,328 pounds; rice 9,000 pounds; potatoes, 41,900 pounds; mutton, 2,600 pounds; beans, 13,000 pounds; sugar, 28,000 pounds; butter, 1,000 pounds; loaf sugar, 2,000 pounds; chewing tobacco, 5,000 pounds; smoking tobacco, 10,000 pounds; toilet soap, 35,000 pounds; cigarettes, 25,000 packages; tooth brushes, 2,000; combs, 2,000; matches, 22,000 boxes; towels, 4,000; pairs of shoestrings, 4,000; barrels of pork, 97; and botolmas sausage, 247 pounds.

It must be remembered that many of the above articles are kept on the ship to be sold to the men, and that only ordinary food is free. The supply of these and other things, however, is large enough to fill a wholesale grocery store.

The packing away of the goods on the steamer is a matter of importance. Everything has its place, and according to its place that the quartermaster or the man in charge can put his finger on it in the dark. The hold is divided up into six compartments, four of which are taken up by ambulance wagons, ammunition, etc. In another field ranges are stored, and in another the quartermaster's supplies are found.

SHIPS FOR HORSES AND MULES.

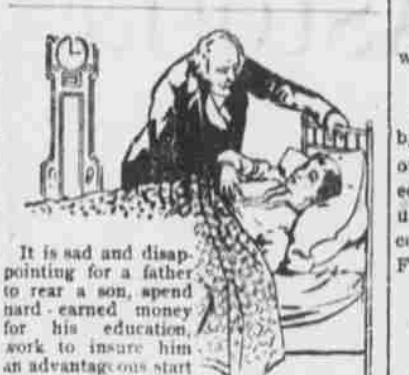
One of the most serious matters in the transportation of an army is the carrying of the animals. The question of water and food on the voyage across the Pacific is an important one, and the transport division has now eleven ships which are fitted up as cattle transports. These ships sail from San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma for the Philippines and will carry 4,000 horses and mules to Manila before Christmas. They have already transported thousands of cavalry. They are especially fitted up for the purpose with ventilators, so that the horses away down in the bowels of the ship have plenty of air. They have hospitals for the sick in which the animals have beds of straw and places where they can be taken about for moderate exercise. Each ship has condensers, which make

six gallons of water a day for each animal carried, so as to not disturb the tanks kept full for emergencies. Each ship carries 2,200 tons of hay, 1,700 tons of oats, or in all 3,900 tons of forage, and also 400,000 feet of lumber. It carries a veterinary surgeon and stationer.

THE HOSPITALS.

One part of the main deck is set aside for the hospital. This is at the stern of the ship well separated from the other parts. It has city beds and is surrounded by the rooms of the surgeon and the hospital stewards. It is well

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It is sad and disappointing for a father to rear a son, spend hard-earned money for his education, and work to insure him an advantageous start in life, and build castles in the air about the boy's future, only to have him killed off in the early years of manhood by the dread disease consumption.

Until recent years consumption was considered an incurable disease. Now it is known to tens of thousands that Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures 95 per cent of all cases if taken in the early stages of the disease. It also cures bronchitis, laryngitis, throat and nasal troubles, and all allied diseases of the air-passages. It is the best blood-maker and flesh-builder, the best general tonic and nerve restorer. It gives a keen edge to the appetite, corrects the impaired digestion, promotes the flow of digestive juices, facilitates the production of chyle in the lower stomach, or intestines, invigorates the liver and purifies and enriches the blood. It tears down old and inert tissues and builds up new, firm, muscular tissues of health. It strengthens the heart's action, promotes the circulation of the blood to every part of the body and deepens the breathing, thus supplying the blood with vitalizing oxygen. Thousands have testified to its merits. The dealer who offers something else as "just as good" is dishonest.

"I never was very strong and then I had La Grippe," writes Miss Grace G. Smith, of 48 1/2 St. Salem, Oregon. "I had a cough and felt tired all the time. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and two of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two vials of 'Sesquiterpene.' I have better health now than for many years."

Twenty-one one-cent stamps cover the mailing of a paper-covered copy of Doctor Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Cloth-bound, 50 cents. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Fortune can take away riches but not courage. President King, Farmer's Bank, Brooklyn, Mich., has used DeWitt's Little Early Risers in his family for years. Says they are the best. These famous little pills cure constipation, biliousness and all liver and bowel troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers.

For many years science has studied liquors. Result the whole world uses whiskey. It has proven the best stimulant and does not injure nerves and tissues like coca wines and other druged compounds. And Harper Whiskey is the ideal whiskey. Sold by Foard & Stokes Co., Astoria Oregon.

Man never is but always to be blest.

Joseph Stockford, Hodgdon, Me., healed a sore running for seventeen years and cured his piles of long standing by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures all skin diseases. For sale by Charles Rogers.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.

Millions of dollars is the value placed by Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., on the life of her child, which she saved from croup by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It cures all coughs, colds and throat and lung troubles. For sale by Charles Rogers.

It's a prince's part to pardon.

Eat plenty, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat. It cures all forms of dyspepsia and stomach troubles. E. R. Gamble, Vernon, Tex., says: "It relieved me from the start and cured me. It is now my ever lasting friend." Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Purposes, like eggs, unless they are hatched into action, will run into decay.

"When our boys were almost dead from whooping cough, our doctor gave One Minute Cough Cure. They recovered rapidly," writes P. B. Belles, Argyle, Pa. It cures coughs, colds, grippe, and all throat troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Better late than never.—Tusser.

"It did me more good than anything I ever used. My dyspepsia was of months' standing; after eating it was terrible. Now I am well," writes S. B. Keener, Holmington, Kan., of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Speaking too much is a sign of vanity; for he that is lavish in words is apt to be niggard in deeds.

"I wish to express my thanks to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, for having put on the market such a wonderful medicine," says W. W. Masangill, of Beaumont, Texas. There are thousands of mothers whose children have been saved from attacks of dysentery and cholera infantum who must also feel thankful. It is for sale by Chas. Rogers.

"If you scour the world you will never find a remedy equal to One Minute Cough Cure," says Editor Fackler, of the Micanopy, Fla., "Hustler." It cured his family of LaGrippe and saves thousands from pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers.

Absence destroys trifling intimacies, but it invigorates strong ones.

The "Plow Boy Preacher," Rev. J. Kirkman, Belle River, Ill., says, "After suffering from Bronchial or lung trouble for ten years, I was cured by One Minute Cough Cure. It is all that is claimed and more." It cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. Sold by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do.

On the 19th of December, 1897, Rev. S. A. Donahoe, pastor of M. E. Church, South, Pl. Pleasant, W. Va., contracted a severe cold, which was attended from the beginning by violent coughing. He says: "After resorting to a number of so-called 'specifics,' usually kept in the house, to no purpose, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. I most cheerfully recommend it to the public." For sale by Chas. Rogers.

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. V., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, and used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by Chas. Rogers.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRAUX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.