

A GREAT SHIP'S STORES

News from the Steward's Department in the City of Paris.

In the busy season the City of Paris carries about 550 first cabin, 250 second cabin and 650 steerage passengers. There are 400 in the ship's company, including stewards, printers, boiler makers, six bakers, five butchers, seventeen cooks, hydraulic, electrical, and other engineers to the number of thirty-two, 148 stewards, and eight stewardesses. So there may be about 1,500 aboard.

Notwithstanding the fact that many of the passengers are seafarers from the time they pass Sandy Hook until Fastnet is sighted, they manage to consume in one trip something like 13,000 pounds of fresh beef, 3,000 pounds of corned beef, 4,000 pounds of mutton, 1,000 pounds of lamb, 2,000 pounds of veal and pork, 15,000 pounds of bacon, 500 pounds of liver, tripe and sausages, 200 hams, 300 pounds of fish, 20,000 eggs, 17 tons of potatoes, 3 tons of other vegetables, 3,600 pounds of butter, 600 pounds of cheese, 600 pounds of coffee, 600 pounds of tea, 100 pounds of icing sugar, 300 pounds powdered sugar, 670 pounds of loaf sugar, 3000 pounds moist sugar, 700 pounds of salt, 200 pounds of nuts, 560 pounds of dried fruit, 20 barrels of apples, 200 lemons, 20 cases of oranges—and other green fruit in season—300 bottles of pickles, 150 bottles of ketchup, sauce, and horse radish, and 150 cases of preserves.

There are also quantities of poultry, oysters, sardines, canned vegetables, and soups, vinegar, pepper, mustard, curry, rice, tapioca, sago, hominy, oatmeal, molasses, condensed milk, "tinned" Boston beans, confectionery, and ice-cream. Fifty pounds of ice cream are served at a single meal in the first cabin.

Thirty tons of ice are required to keep the great storerooms cool. Eight barrels of flour are used daily. The bakers are busy from dawn of day. They make 4,000 delicious Parker House rolls for breakfast every morning. Thirty eight-pound loaves of white bread and 100 pounds of brown bread are baked each day; also pies, puddings, cakes, etc.

Eight barrels of common crackers and a hundred tins of fancy crackers are stowed away in the storeroom, together with 100 pounds of wine and plum cake, not a crumb of which is left when Liverpool is reached. Six thousand bottles of ale and porter, 4,200 bottles of mineral waters, 4,500 bottles of wine, and more or less ardent spirits are drunk inside of six days by the guests of this huge floating hotel. About 3,000 cigars are sold on board, but many more are smoked. Two hundred pounds of toilet soap is supplied by the steamship company.

One of the odd sights to be seen on the double-decked Inman pier soon after the arrival of the "queen of the ocean greyhounds" is the great stacks of soiled linen which are being assorted by about a dozen stewards. Here is the wash list for a single trip: Napkins, 8,300; table-cloths, 180; sheets, 3,600; pillow cases, 4,500; towels, 16,200, and dozens of blankets and counterpanes. Although the list is very short, it requires four large two-horse trucks to carry the wash to the Inman Company's steam laundry in Jersey City. In less than a week it will be back in the lockers of the linen rooms, which are in charge of a regular linen keeper. There is no washing done aboard. Many of the ship's company have their washing done in New York, but the greater number have it done in Liverpool.

General Col. Brewster, the superintendent of the Inman line, whose kindness and courtesy have made him a favorite with ocean travellers for the past thirty years, is the man who manages this big business. Col. Brewster is a little man, but he ranks among steamship superintendents as the city of Paris does among ocean racers.

Birds During Courtship.

At the season of birds' courtship, when the conditions of life are most favourable, vitality is at its maximum, and naturally it is then that the proficiency in all kinds of dancing antics, aerial and terrestrial, appears greatest, and that melody attains its highest perfection. This applies chiefly to birds, but even among birds there are exceptions. The love-excitement is doubtless pleasurable to them, and it takes the form in which keenly pleasurable emotions are habitually expressed, although not frequently with variations due to the greater intensity of the feeling. In some migrants the males arrive before the females, and no sooner have they recovered from the effects of their journey than they burst out into rapturous singing; these are not love-strains, since the females have not yet arrived, and pairing time is perhaps a month distant; their singing merely expresses their overflowing gladness. The forest at that season is vocal, not only with the fine melody of the true songsters, but with hoarse cawings, piercing cries, shrill duets, noisy choruses, drummings, boomings, thrills, wood-tappings—every sound with which different species express the glad impulse; and birds like the parrot, that only exert their powerful voices in screamings—because "they can do no other"—then scream their loudest. When courtship begins it has in many cases the effect of increasing the beauty of the performance, giving added sweetness, nerve, and brilliance to the song, and freedom and grace to the gestures and motions.—[W. H. Hudson, in Longman's Magazine.]

May Time.

'Tis now the base-ball blooms, and bats grow ripe;
The poet of the Spring springs into type,
The Lord of Mountain Taverns comes to town
To see if Fortune sweet doth smile or frown.
The sea-side beaches now are neatly scrubbed and swept;
The calm awakes, his winter vigil's kept.
In checks and strips quite zebra-like the dude
Comes forth, and into soft desuetude
Now sinks the oyster filled with joyous glee.
Vociferously glad—for him—that he
Hath 'scaped the sauce tabacco, and a truce
Is called by him who wields the lemon juice.
Indeed, the whole world's glad to reach the day
When dates do change from April unto May.
White sash curtains of dotted or sprigged
muslin or lace tied back with white ribbon
bows, are the fad of the Fifth avenue again
this spring.

Not Dismayed.

Aramantha (to her lover, who has just proposed)—"Before I give you an answer I have a secret to impart."
Lover—"What is it, dearest?"
Aramantha (blushing and stammering)—"My—my teeth are false."
Lover (heroically)—"No matter; I'll marry you in spite of your teeth."

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