

**TOLD BY THE SERGEANT.**

From the Democrat, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
At the Michigan Soldiers' Home, in Grand Rapids, lives Sergeant Richard Dunn, hale and hearty, although he carries the scars of several wounds sustained in some of the battles of the Civil War. In recounting his experience to a reporter, Mr. Dunn said:  
"About a year and a half ago I began to have trouble with my stomach. My suffering was so intense that I tried different medicines and doctored with several physicians, but without permanent relief."



A Wounded Soldier.

"I read an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People having cured a case much like mine, and I decided to give them a trial, which I did. After taking five boxes I was cured, and never felt better than I do now, even in my younger days. I am naturally a robust man, but that stomach trouble, together with rheumatism, which afterward set in, were making fast inroads upon my health and I am satisfied that it would have been but a short time before my comrades would have been conducting the regulation funeral ceremonies over my remains had I not chanced to read of and taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.  
There are several others in the home who are taking these pills and are receiving great benefit."  
RICHARD DUNN.

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An amusing story is told of the editor of a go-ahead evening newspaper, who, in the eternal rushing to press to get ahead of the opposition, was constantly impressing upon his reporters the necessity of condensing all news.

A terrible boiler explosion had taken place on board a big ship lying at Portmouth.  
"Get down there as hard as you can," he said to one of his men. "If you catch the 11:40 from London bridge you'll be there soon after two, and you can just wire us something for the extra special—but boil it down."

And the reporter went.  
Soon after three o'clock that afternoon they got a wire from him:  
"Terrific explosion. Melpomene. Boiler empty. Engineer full. Funeral to-morrow. No flowers."—Spare Moments.

**Would Ruin His Business.**

Railroad stories are all more or less pithy, especially when told by railroad men. A certain system running in the southwest is known for its slow trains from one end of the line to the other. The trains are slow enough at best, but when washouts and overflows occur, they double up on engineer, train crew and passengers. Not long ago a flood of complaints was poured in upon the general manager of the line from all kinds of people who travel over this system. One of them came from a prominent undertaker, somewhere in an adjacent state, and this was what he wrote:

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**THE SICK AT PORTO RICO.**

**Distribution of the Supplies Sent to the Sick Soldiers by the Relief Commission.**

**THE ARMY SICK LIST IS INCREASING.**

An Alarming Condition, the Medical Authorities Say, May Be Expected Unless Barracks Are Provided for the Army and the Sick Troops Transferred Home—Relief for Cuba.

Philadelphia, Aug. 31.—The yacht May, which arrived in this city to-day from Porto Rico via Newport News, brought the report of the representatives of the national relief committee who went to Porto Rico to superintend the distribution of the supplies sent to the sick soldiers by the commission. The May left this city on August 6 and reached Ponce August 11. The report states that the commissioners reported to Gen. Miles and was by him referred to Col. Greenleaf, chief surgeon of the army in the field. Col. Greenleaf ordered the 70 tons of medical supplies to be taken from the May and placed in the lower floor of the custom house, which is now being used as the headquarters of the army in Porto Rico. After giving details of the distribution of the supplies, the report says:

In almost every instance we found army surgeons most anxious to have at their disposition money for the purchase of needed luxuries for the sick, such as fresh milk, ice (when obtainable) and canned goods, and we are happy to report that in every case we have been able to meet the demands made upon us. There are about 16,000 American soldiers in Porto Rico and on the day of our departure, August 22, there were over 1,000 men on the sick list. Of this number one-half were cases requiring prompt and careful treatment. There was a large number of typhoid cases, but on the 22d inst. this disease was not so numerous, a fact which indicates that the malady had been carried from the camp at home and is not indigenous to Porto Rico. However, there was a very large increase in diarrhoea, dysentery, dengue or breakbone fever, and even malarial disorders due to the hot, unhealthy rainy season, just commencing, which causes the water supply to be filled with malarial germs from constant decaying vegetation.

All medical authorities in the army in Porto Rico agree that the sick list is increasing and that an alarming condition may be expected unless the war department promptly arranges barracks for the army of occupation and immediately provides additional transports (the hospital ship Relief being insufficient) to remove such of the sick men as can be safely transferred home, the convalescents and those enervated by climate conditions. It is impossible for men from a northern climate to recuperate in a tropical country during its most unhealthful season. In conclusion, we are glad to report that we reached Porto Rico with our medical and hospital supplies just at the time when they were most needed, owing to the lack of steam launches with which to unload the vessels in the harbor and those hard ground on the coral reef, the medical department could not secure its supplies promptly and our consignment had been most carefully selected, containing many useful articles not supplied in the hospital equipment of the army. We cabled to the National Red Cross commission on the 22d to forward to Porto Rico a consignment of light groceries, such as condensed cream, cereals, canned soups, clam broth, etc.; also pajamas and underclothing, all of which are much needed in the hospitals and are not obtainable on the island.

Attached to the report is a letter from Gen. Miles thanking the commissioners on behalf of the army for the supplies and for a big consignment of American flags; also a letter from Col. Greenleaf expressing thanks for the gift of an ice-making machine, in which he says:

I cannot adequately express the satisfaction with which the results of this donation will be received by the sick. Ice in this country is an expensive luxury, costing \$30 per ton in Porto Rican money, which necessitates the exercise of rigid economy on the part of our medical officers in its use. To have the output of such a machine at our disposal is a blessing, the benefits of which can only be appreciated by those who have served in these hospitals.

**Relief Supplies for Cuba.**

New York, Aug. 31.—A cablegram from Miss Clara Barton at Havana to the central Cuban relief committee said that she needed a steamship to use in the distribution of supplies and Stephen E. Barton, chairman of the committee, has chartered the San Antonio from C. H. Mallory & Co. for two months with the privilege of extending the time to six months. The San Antonio is a sister ship of the State of Texas, which was in Miss Barton's service during May, June and July. Her capacity is about 800 tons. She will be loaded with Cuban relief supplies and will sail probably on Thursday in charge of Capt. Young, who was the commanding officer of the state of Texas, while in Miss Barton's service. Several agents will go on the ship to assist in the relief work. It has not yet been determined to what port the ship will go first to report to Miss Barton, but it will probably go to Havana as Miss Barton has a large quantity of supplies there. The plan will be to touch at all Cuban ports, giving special attention first to those on the north coast which have had no relief since the outbreak of the war. The cargo of the San Antonio will include a general assortment of food and clothing similar to what has been sent on previous shipments.

**Two Senators' Sons to Go with Wade.**

Washington, Aug. 31.—The following officers have been ordered to accompany Gen. Wade, president of the Cuban military commission, to Havana: Maj. W. E. Almy, Capt. J. B. Foraker, Maj. C. J. Allison, Capt. L. C. Griscom, Capt. Jay Cooke, Capt. J. S. Hart.

**An Explanation.**

"Look!" exclaimed a lady to her companion at the opera. "There is Mrs. Oldine in that box. Her hair is jet black and I'm positive it was streaked with gray the last time I saw her."

"Very true, dear," replied the other, "but you know her only brother died three months ago."

"Indeed! But what has that got to do with the color of her hair?"

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