

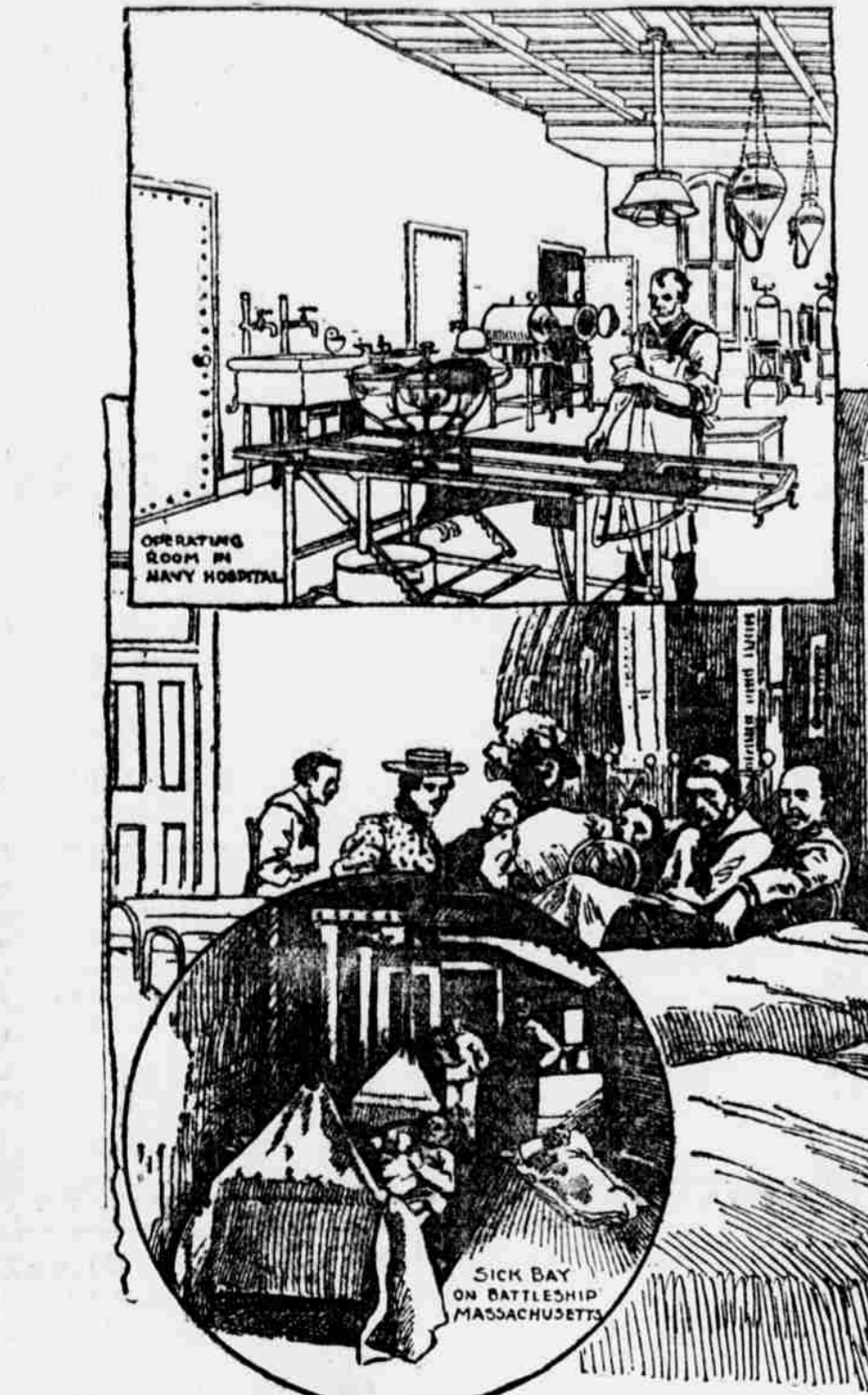
CARE OF SICK ON WAR SHIPS

Perfect System of the Navy for Attending to Disabled Men.

SHARP CONTRAST WITH ARMY METHODS

Best of Care, Comfortable Quarters and Pleasant Surroundings Make Jack's Lot an Easy One—How it is Done.

While the whole country has been agitated by the discussion of alleged neglect and carelessness in the treatment of our sick and wounded soldiers, not a word of complaint has been heard in regard to the administration of the medical department of the navy.



War brought a decided increase in the navy, and new ships meant new crews and greater responsibilities for the medical department. There were few changes, however, in the system followed for many years.

The general plan followed by the medical department of the navy may be considered under three divisions—first, the local medical staff attached to each vessel in commission; second, the naval hospital ship; and third, the naval hospitals on shore.

Every vessel in the service carries at least one surgeon, an apothecary and a bayman or nurse. The larger ships are provided with two commissioned medical officers, and flagships with three, one being the fleet medical inspector.

During time of war it is necessary to locate the medical department in a place removed from the possibility of accident and where the surgeons and attendants can work undisturbed by shot or shell.

permitted. Narrow passages, numerous partitions and small hatchways make the task a difficult one. It is found otherwise enough, even in drill maneuvers, to lower a well man down through two or three decks, but when the excitement of combat and the possible condition of the patient are added, the work is greatly complicated.

On each vessel in the service a call known as "sick call" is sounded by a bugler at three bells, 8:30 a. m. Just prior to the sounding of the call the surgeon on duty repairs to the examining room or sick bay and takes his station in readiness to see those requiring medical care.

Those crew members who wish to consult the doctor form in line outside the sick bay door and are called inside in their turn. The surgeon examines each person carefully, and if the case is mild, the required treatment is entered in the apothecary's book.

Those cases of a more serious nature are given immediate and personal attention. When it necessitates excusing the man from duty his name and rating is placed on the captain's daily report of sick and on an extra list intended for the executive officer and officer of the deck.

In a war ship, where the crew consists of from 200 to 500 men, some special mark is necessary to designate those excused from duty. For this purpose each man whose name figures on the binance list is compelled to wear a white badge bearing a red cross upon the arm.

It is a matter of personal pride with both surgeon and commanding officer that the reports of sick sent quarterly to Washington should contain as few cases as possible. This in itself is enough to cause the local medical department to labor zealously.

One of the accusations made in the case of the alleged bad treatment of the ill and wounded soldiers returning from Cuba, and also those in camps, was that poorly prepared and insufficient food was served out instead of a rational diet.

Previous to the Spanish-American war, when it became necessary to invalidate a disabled officer or sailor from a foreign station home, the patient was sent either on some returning mail-of-war or by a regular passenger steamer.

Every vessel has an apartment known as the "Sick Bay" which though small in size is well fitted out as a local hospital. In times of peace when there is no danger from projectiles, it is generally located on the forward berth or gun deck, although its precise location varies with each ship.

The provisions for transporting wounded men to the temporary sick bay during action of the construction of the modern war vessel will

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Prices Brought Within the Range of Gas—"Bellows" Telephones Credited—Developments in Other Branches.

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PLANS FOR PEACE JUBILEE

Chicago Proposes to Have Speaking at Six of the Large Halls of the City.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—The committee on invitations and speakers for the peace jubilee have perfected arrangements for the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at 10:30 on the morning of Tuesday, October 18. George R. Peck will preside and Mayor Harrison will deliver the address of welcome to the peace guests.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul has accepted an invitation to represent the north in an address of welcome and Judge Emory Spear of Georgia will similarly represent the south.

Hoop Iron Pool Dissolves. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 6.—After an existence of three years, during which time a uniform price was maintained, the hoop iron combination has been dissolved by the mutual consent of the firms which were parties to its formation.

To Live Well and Happily. Use "Garland" Stoves and Ranges. EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

AWARD IN THE BROOKLYN NAVAL HOSPITAL. The school board of Nashville, Tenn., is considering the question of introducing industrial training in the public schools of the city.

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REGAINED HEALTH.

Gratifying Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Happy Women.

"I Owe You My Life."

Mrs. E. WOOLHISER, Mills, Neb., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I owe my life to your Vegetable Compound. The doctors said I had consumption and nothing could be done for me."

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