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## Gibraltar-Pt. Said

AS SEEN BY A LOWELL BOY WITH THE FIGHTING FOURTH.

Stark Naked Egyptians Begging for Clothes.

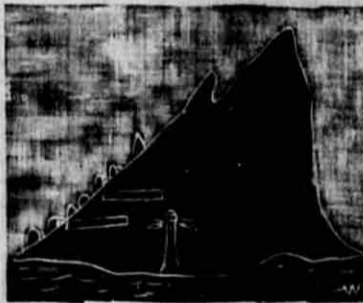
On board the U. S. Transport Grant, Off the northern coast of Egypt. Feb. 11, 1899.

Mrs. N. P. GARDNER, Lowell, Mich.

Dear Mother: We left Gibraltar last Saturday at 2.45, p. m. It is a fine place. The town is built on the face of the rock on a side hill sloping at an angle of 45°, and it is a beautiful sight at night when all lighted up. The buildings run clear to the water's edge, that is they are built down as far as the wall that is built along the harbor's edge. There are a great many large guns mounted on this wall and a dozen turrets are on top of it with large guns inside.

The ship was visited by the governor and some high army and navy officers of England and by some officers of an Italian battle ship that was in the harbor.

The rock is about 2 miles long by 1/2 mile or 3/4 mile wide and is 3,000 feet high. The end view of it looks like this, that is the way you first see it just before you enter the harbor, which is on the left hand side of it.



When you are in the harbor it looks like this. There are over 1800 guns on the whole rock.



On the side facing the Mediterranean sea the water has washed out great caves in it and they are something handsome to look at. An outline of the view would look something like this.



The climate is just lovely here, like May weather at home. Mercury is not below 50° here in the morning and in the afternoon it is fine. We don't wear our blouses half of the time. We will sail into Port Said this afternoon some time. I have got some pieces of the rock of Gibraltar and some Spanish and Gibraltar money. Am going to save money at every place and get a collection of foreign coins.

We passed the ruins of Carthage the other day, but it was so smoky that day along the coast we could see nothing but the outline of the tower. It was built on a large hill, you know. We sailed within sight of the coast of Africa all the time until day before yesterday.

Your loving son, ALGE.

At the southern end of the Red Sea. Feb. 16, 1899.

Dear Mother: As we will pull in-

to the harbor at Aden this evening, I will take the opportunity of writing a few lines to you.

We sailed into Port Said at noon on the 11th. It is a fine place of about 17,000 inhabitants, mostly Turks and Egyptians, some Arabs French and English.

It was a funny sight to see the Mohammedans praying at noon. There was a place fixed on purpose for public worship, right by the custom house. There was a large fountain there and they would go up to it and take off their shoes (if they wore any, for a big share of them go barefooted) and wash their feet and then their hands and faces. Then they were prepared for praying which was a queer ceremony. They commence by standing with their hands clasped in front of them. Then after going through a rigmarole for about 10 minutes they put their hands on their knees and bend forward as far as possible; then straighten up and kneel down on both knees, bend forward and kiss the ground. Then they raise up, still kneeling, and go through the rest of the prayer. Some went through this ceremony once or twice and some that were more religious went through it twenty times. They always face the east.

In eastern ports it is a custom for certain fruit vendors to own row boats and to run out to every ship that comes into port and try to sell fruit, cigarettes and other trinkets. We were not allowed to buy a thing of those fellows; but some did it on the sly, and some got caught at it and were put in the "jigger" for it. We have not been allowed to land at any port yet, and won't, it is likely. Some of the boys sneaked ashore at Port Said and they are in the guard house now.

The cruiser Raleigh was in the harbor at Port Said, from Manila bound for New York. She took part in Dewey's fight.

While going through the canal some of the low-down Egyptians would follow along the bank without a rag on and beg clothing. Some of the boys would throw a shirt or a pair of drawers overboard and they would jump into the water and swim out and grab it with their teeth like dogs and start back to shore with it. Some of the officers' wives were out with their kodaks, taking pictures of these naked heathens.

I suppose you read the account of the Grant going down with all on board. Well, we have not even had a bad storm yet.

We passed within sight of Mount Sinai where Moses got the ten commandments or something or other, I don't know what.

It is hotter than — here now, between 90° and 100° in the shade.

Well, sending regards to friends and love to family, I remain  
Your loving son, ALGE.

Rev. J. Husted Resigns.

Rev. John T. Husted of the Second Congregational church on Plainfield avenue formally announced his resignation Sunday morning. The action was not unexpected as Mr. Husted had intimated several times of late his intention to give up his charge. He has been pastor of the Second church for the past eleven years and in point of service, is the oldest minister in the city. The resignation takes effect May 1. He also has the distinction of having been in one pulpit longer than any other Congregational minister in the state.

Mr. Husted has within the past year received calls from churches outside of the city, the latest one, although not a formal one, has come from Wyandotte, near Detroit. A committee from that place has waited upon him recently and it is believed that a formal call will be made soon. —[Grand Rapids Democrat.

The last number of the Epworth League lecture course will be given by John P. Ashley at Music hall, on Friday evening, March 24, subject: "Boomerangs and Mirrors."

## A Few Days Only

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We wish you to bear in mind always that you are here to buy, We are here to sell. Yours for 1899 business.

## KLARK & KLARK,

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### Republican Township Ticket.

Lowell Republicans met in caucus at Music hall yesterday and placed in nomination the following excellent ticket:

For Supervisor, F. N. White.  
Clerk, C. G. Stone.  
Treasurer, D. T. Bush.  
School Inspector, Fred Hinyon.  
Justice of Peace, S. P. Hicks.  
Highway Com'r., Wm. Murphy.  
Board Review, A. S. Houghton.  
Constables, Benj. Morse, L. J. Dygert, C. A. Blakeslee, W. D. Chatterdon.

As township committee: L. J. Post, H. J. Coons and W. S. Winegar were chosen.

### Another Old Pioneer Gone.

Henry B. Alden was born in Plainfield, N. H., on Aug. 7, 1815, and died at his home in Boston, Ionia Co., Mich., March 12, 1899. He came to Michigan in the spring of 1843 and has lived in Ionia county ever since. On the 25th of February 1861, he was married to Olive Wheelock in Lowell, Mass. Two children were born to them, one of whom, with the wife, survives him. He was a direct descendant of John Aldea, the Pilgrim.

### House Plants for Sale.

I have a large collection of house plants for sale cheap before April 1st, including all the best and newest varieties of Primroses, Begonias, Fuchsias, Hydrangeas and Geraniums. Call early and secure a good variety. Mrs. H. VANDERWALL

Ellis Faulkner is home from Middleville. Perry Gardner was in Muir and Carson City yesterday.

U. B. Williams has a very pretty watch window which has been the means of selling several fine watches.

The Vergennes Democrats will hold their township caucus at the Watter's school house on Saturday, March 25, at 2, p. m.

John P. Ashley, S. F. B., Ph. D., President of Albion College, will speak at the M. E. church, both morning and evening, Sunday, March 26. All who do not attend church elsewhere are cordially invited to hear him.

### HALF RATES TO DETROIT.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will issue excursion tickets to the public from all its stations in Michigan to Detroit and return at a Single Fare for the round trip on account of the Mohawk Club Banquet at Detroit, March 30th. Tickets will be sold for all trains of March 29th, and for the morning trains of March 30th, and valid to return on all trains up to and including March 31st, 1899. This gives an opportunity to visit Detroit at a cheap rate and the public should avail themselves of this opportunity.



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