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MANILA, P. I. Dec. 4. 1898 DEAR PARENTS-We arrived in Manila harbor, Nov. 26 all O. K. but didn't get to go ashore until Dec. 2, and its the hottest December I have ever saw. We were landed in barges as the big ships connot get within a mile of the shore, we were then towed up the Pasig river for a bout a mile to our camping ground which is in a sort of a swamp, or rather a rice field. We are quartered in a cigar factory, we have bamboo bedsteads and they are about the same as laying on the floor as far as class of people, they dress very scant but what they do wear appears to be clean. Their dwelling houses are a very curious contrivance, they are a low thatched hip root house built on bamboo poles, about five feet from the ground. The city of Manila, has 300,000 inhabitants mostly natives and Spaniards, the streets are narrow, crooked and dirty. All the troops here now are in old store buildings, eigar factories and old spanish dwellings. There are sever-3 or 4 persons with one of these little fellows bitched to it, their drays are a two wheeled affair, also drawn by water buffalo, they look like a cow only not so tall but heavier, and have a hump on their shoulders and almost, these carts are driven by natives. Fruit is cheap, such as oranges and bananas, they are not as good as our fruit as they are wild. The Spanish and Mexican dollar is any thing and give them fifty cents, you will get back ninety in Spanish in the service although we have been in the service although we have been its. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outlit free. Ad-dress, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star insurance money, mostly copper two cent in the thickest of the fighting. We pieces, get five dollars changed and have had quite a number in the hos- If You Are Going to the Pacific Coastyou will need a bushel basket to car ry the change in, they won't take an American 5 cent piece, they say, "no sabee him no good." We miss good cold water here. we are not allowed to drink water except it has been boiled, of course it is best that way but I do long for a good cold drink. Myself and some others of our com-pany came near getting doped the day we landed, our quartermaster sargent and two others came with the Just a song. I plead for mother, baggage and while we were waiting of our old home in the country. for a cart we went to a shack for a drink. The old hag gave us a glass of water and just as we were about to . drink she stopped us and went and And the grove beside the roadside got us two bananas and said eat. We were dry and bungry and of our e we ate them, then she said drink, we drank and she got more and we ate. As it bananas and said eat. And the grove beside the roadside In the evening when the sun Sank in the west, dear. And our evening work was done. We would gather on the mosses: Father, you and little Nell, All of us would rest in quiet. In the little woodland dell. and we ate. As it happened near All around us, towards the mounts, And the brooklet too, was there: went to work and worked off the ef-fects. We were told next day that eating banapas and driching the eating bananas and drinking the Rang their sweetest anthems, mother Soft as twilight, fairies do. water they have here was the worst thing we could do, so after this I will not eat or drink anything a Spaniard or a native offers me. They are trecherous people. It rains here about every other day, and how hot the sun comes down after a shower. Now I hear the song she's singing. The steam rises from the swamp like the steam from a boiling tea kettle on a cold morning. If we all get out of here alive we can live in any with our blessed Jesus, dear. country. The mosquitoes! Each man Mother sometimes I can almost. has a net over his bed to keep them off or I fear he would not rest much. Hear her sing in Heaven abov When I shut my eyes and listen Of the shuting glory love. There is lots of Spanish prisoners here yet, they will be sent home soon.] The Insurgents are quiet now, 1 do Mether think you not that Jesus not thick there will be any more Knews where Bennie is, and too, Don't you thick that He will send him trouble, I hope not I want to see this thing settled so we can get back | to the U. S., for I have enough of the tropics now. Well I must close on raid not know then, mother, for this time, write soon. Yours with CHARLES A. NILES, love. E. Co. 1st, Wash, Reg. The pops at the Kausas capital took the stars and stripes from the dome and put them in a storage room. locked the door and lost the key. When Governer Stanley was inaugurated his first inquiry was for the flog and upon being told that it was lookup and the key lost, he asked his the formant if he knew enough to chop down the door. In fifteen minutes the Eagle was screaming once more from the Kansus state house.

MANILA, P. I. Dec. 10, 1898. DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER-I again take up my pen to answer your FOR THE TRADE ever welcome letter which 1 received a few days ago. I am well and hope you are all the same. We have moved our camp again. We were in the city doing guard duty but have been moved about six miles out in the open country. We are so close to the Insurgents lines that we can hear their bugle, we cannot tell whither there will be any trouble

with them or not, but it would seem day. strange that we had to whip the

Spaniards and then the Natives also. We heard that the government had given Aguinaldo until the 15, of this month to lay down his arms or hostilities would be commenced a. gainst him. I do not believe that we will get home until this thing is settled and that may be a year yet. Our camp is located on a hill. It is pretty wet. It is the site of an cld rice field but we dug ditches and drained it so that the water would springs are concerned. The natives run off. It was very swampy when we or Philippinos are a very ignorant camped here but we have it in good shape now. There was ridges thrown up to keep the water from running off. It rains here so much that they can raise rice any place by throwing up ridges to hold the water. From our new location we have a splendid view of the surrounding country and it being on high ground there is a cool breeze blowing all the time. The prospects are that it will be much healthier in our present camp than it was down in the city. It was so very hot in the city that one could hardly al old street cars here drawn by little breathe and there was diseases of all Mexican ponies, they are not much kinds prevailent, small pox were larger than Shetland ponies. They plenty. I am on cook detail at have two wheeled carts that will hold present and am very busy. Our new recruits got here about two weeks ago and now our company numbers 100 men. Some of the boys who are not able for service are being seut home. Some times I think that I will apply for a discharge as I betheir hoins lay back on their neck lieve you need me worse at home than Uncle Sam does but I do not know whither I could get it or not. I by Murat Halstead, comm have served the army as best I could partment but I do not like to leave the boys. We have been together so long that used here, our dollar is worth two of 1 have become very much attached and them, you get ten cents worth of to them. There has not been a death tures taken by government photographers

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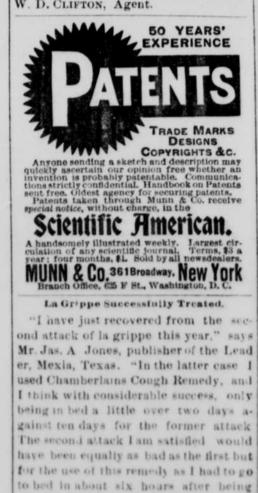
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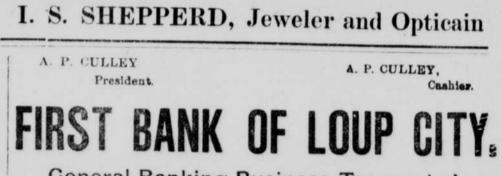
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