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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 cannot get within a mile of the shore, we were then towed up the Pasig river for a about 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 beds and they are about the same as laying on the floor as far as springs are concerned. The natives or Philipinos are a very ignorant 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 roof 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, cigar factories and old spanish dwellings. There are several old street cars here drawn by little Mexican ponies, they are not much larger than Shetland ponies. They have two wheeled carts that will hold 3 or 4 persons with one of these little fellows hitched 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 their horns lay back on their neck 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 used here, our dollar is worth two of them, you get ten cents worth of any thing and give them fifty cents, you will get back ninety in Spanish money, mostly copper two cent pieces, get five dollars changed and you need a bushel basket to carry 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 company came near getting doped the day we landed, our quartermaster sargent and two others came with the baggage and while we were waiting 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 got us two bananas and said "eat." We were dry and hungry and of course we ate them, then she said drink, we drank and she got more and we ate. As it happened near sun down and was getting cooler we went to work and worked off the effects. We were told next day that eating bananas and drinking the 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. 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 country. The mosquitoes! Each man has a net over his bed to keep them off or I fear he would not rest much. There is lots of Spanish prisoners here yet, they will be sent home soon. The Insurgents are quiet now. I do not think there will be any more 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 for this time, write soon. Yours with love CHARLES A. NILES, E. Co. 1st, Wash. Reg.

MANILA, P. I. Dec. 10, 1898. DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER—I again take up my pen to answer your ever welcome letter which I 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 whether there will be any trouble with them or not, but it would seem 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 against 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 old rice field but we dug ditches and drained it so that the water would run off. It was very swampy when we 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 breathe and there was diseases of all kinds prevalent, small pox were plenty. I am on cook detail at 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 sent home. Some times I think that I will apply for a discharge as I believe you need me worse at home than Uncle Sam does but I do not know whether I could get it or not, I have served the army as best I could but I do not like to leave the boys. We have been together so long that I have become very much attached to them. There has not been a death in our company since we have been in the service although we have been in the thickest of the fighting. We have had quite a number in the hospital but have never lost any. Well I guess I must close for the present. SIMPSON CRIS, Jr.

AN EVE IN A TENEMENT ROOM. (BY NANCY A. KRISSE.) Mother dear, I feel so tired, May I rest here on your knee? You're young and strong, little one, please. Like the prayer you sang to me? O, it was so soft and gentle. Floating on the Zephyr breeze; Burn so sweetly, how it cooled. On the leafy woodland trees. Just a song, I plead for mother. That recalls the quiet dell. Of our old home in the country. Home we loved so long and well. I can see, too, in my memory. All the things so dear to me; There it stands the old log cottage. And the swing beneath the tree. 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. All around us, towards the mounts, And the brooklet too, was there; Purling to the rushing river. Laughing, joyous, free from care. And the fragrant pure white lilies, And the tiny blue bell, too. Rang their sweetest anthems, mother. Soft as twilight, fairies do. And the little birds low peeping. Most come into your sweet song. And the cooing of the doves, dear. I can strain to hear along. Then I hear my little Nellie, Mother I can see her now. With the star light on her brow. As she sits beneath the elm tree. With the star light on her brow. Now I hear the song she's singing. Just exactly as you do; Of the gentle Shepherd watching. I can hear it all now, too. But I never shall hear her whisper. Loving words I used to hear. Still is now an angel, mother. With our blessed Jesus, dear. Mother, sometimes I can almost. Hear her sing in Heaven above. When I shut my eyes and listen Of the shining glory love. And my Father's tender pleading, For the Heavenly Father's care. Oh, another not then with us. Fairies upon the cooling air. Mother, think you not that Jesus. Knows where Nellie is, and too. Don't you think that He will send him down, day back to me and you? Such a long day it does seem, dear. Since I called in childish glee. "My little Nellie, when 'er comes back Bring some candy in your Lee." Oh, I did not know then, mother. Nellie would come back no more. And that we would leave our cottage On the sleeping river shore. And oh mother, I can't help it. Tears will come against my will When I think of father lying "Nellie tin and upon the hill."

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