

HAVANA HARBOR.

An Interesting Sketch of this Famous Cuban City.

Havana.—This, as noticed, is in point of importance, the principal harbor of Cuba, and has been described as one of the best in the world, being deep enough for vessels of the largest class, sufficiently capacious to receive a thousand ships of war, and so safe that vessels ride securely without cable or anchor. The entrance is by a channel half a mile long, so narrow that only a single vessel can enter at once, and fortified through the whole distance with platforms, works and artillery. The mouth of this channel is secured by two strong castles. That on the eastern side, called Morro Castle, is built in the form of a triangle, fortified with bastions and mounted with heavy pieces, almost level with the water. On the opposite side of the channel is another strong fort, called the Punta Castle, connected with the castle town on the north. The city is situated on the western side of the harbor and is surrounded by ramparts, bastions and ditches.

You enter under the Morro Castle, situated on a high rock, on the south end of which is a lighthouse, containing reflecting lamps, which make a brilliant appearance, showing a revolving light, which may be seen 25 miles, past which the channel is so narrow that you may nearly touch the side with a boat hook; the top of the light overtops the masts of the stoutest ships.

After entering through this pass, you arrive at a second, only one hundred yards wide, on one side of which is the Punta Fort, and on the other Castle Blanca, a prodigious strong fort, directly opposite the city. Having passed these works, you enter a harbor almost unrivaled. In passing the first castle (Morro), you must not come to anchor, as a reef lies off the starboard as you enter, which is dangerous.

It is stated that the entrance to the harbor is rapidly filling up.

The harbor of Havana may be distinguished at a distance by the passes of Manangua, which lies on the meridian of the entrance, while the land, both to the eastward and westward, is low and equal, with the exception only of the Morro, or little hill, surmounted by the fortifications and lighthouse.

At six leagues to the eastward the Hills of Jaruca, or Iron Hills, may be seen. These are of moderate height and detached. The tables of Mariel are about six leagues to the westward, and, in advancing, not only these, but the Hills of Cavañas may at times be seen.

The form of the harbor can be best understood by reference to the particular plan of it, from the survey of Don Jost Del Rio, by whom the position of Morro Castle has been determined.

The entrance lies nearly southeast and northwest, and it is, therefore, very difficult to enter when the breeze is not to the northwest or east-northwest.

The breeze enters it at about 10 a. m., and blows till sunset, and, therefore, it is only between these hours that you can sail in when the breeze is from east-northeast to southeast, which is often in the rainy season, and sometimes even in the dry season. Under such circumstances the only resource is to anchor in the Morro Shoal or Bank, and entering by towing when the breeze takes off, which is at night. As, on entering, these difficulties are to be encountered so, on going out, you will not be quite free, for when the breeze comes to the northeast, which it often does in the dry season, or that of the norths, it is not only inconvenient, but also because a swell sets into the mouth of the harbor, which renders this operation much exposed to danger. Generally speaking, it is best to enter about midday and to go out at the dawn of day. Should the wind be scant for getting in, it is advisable to anchor outside the Morro and tow or warp in at night.

In approaching the Havana from the eastward, care must be taken to avoid a shoal spot, more than a quarter of a mile from shore, and on which the ship "Mariner," of Port Glasgow, grounded in 1815. The vessels drew about seventeen feet of water, and from the shoal, the shoal the Morro Castle bore about south southwest distant one mile.

NAVIGATOR.

The cure of Rheumatism has often taxed medical skill, but its prevention has been very easy by an occasional use of Simmons' Liver Regulator. It keeps the liver well regulated, and the system free from poison. Therein is the secret of health. "I have used it for years for indigestion and Constipation, and also found it gives me relief from a touch of Rheumatism."—N. H. Hughes, Lordsburg, N. M.

Ordered To Sea As Scouts.
New York, April 25.—The steamships New York and St. Louis, have been ordered to sea as scouts. They are unarmed and will return under full speed when Spain's ships are sighted.

Gladstone Dyng.
London, April 25.—Gladstone is rapidly sinking, and his family has been summoned to his bedside.

Will Not Sell To Spain.
Rome, April 25.—Marquis Visconti Venosta, Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared in the Chamber of Deputies to day that the Government would not permit the sale of the Italian cruiser Garibaldi to Spain. It is intimated that nothing will prevent her sale to the Argentine Republic.

Preventing Departure of Refugees.
St. Thomas, April 25.—Advices received from Porto Rico say that the agitation on the island is rapidly increasing. Prices of food are rapidly rising. The authorities are preventing the departure of refugees. Some refugees arrived here yesterday, however, and report the island in a critical condition.

Protecting New York Harbor.
New York, April 25.—The department has issued regulations regarding the entrance of vessels in this harbor. No vessels will be allowed to pass Sandy Hook between sunrise and sunset. The rules were established for the guidance of vessels in avoiding the submarine mines.

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The best medicine for all ailments of the bowels.
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THE WAR REVENUE BILL.
Washington, April 26. Chairman Dingley of the Ways and Means committee submitted to the House the War Revenue Bill. He recites the necessity to immediately provide a revenue because of the war with Spain; he says that if peace had continued there would no doubt have been sufficient revenue. There were three changes in the bill submitted today from that as originally drafted, as follows: A discount of five per cent. on beer stamps is allowed after the passage of the act. Telephone messages are subject to a tax of one cent on each message transmitted thirty miles; on longer distances it is graduated up to ten cents where the cost of the communication exceeds five dollars. Official telephone and telegraphic messages of the Government are exempt. The differential tax of half a cent on mineral waters and beverages, domestic or imported, not otherwise subject to internal taxation, in half pint bottles is eliminated so that the dividing line is pint bottles. Bottles containing less than half pint one cent; more than half pint two cents.

The Spanish Congress.
Madrid, April 26.—The Spanish Congress was regularly constituted yesterday. Marquis Vega de Armijo was re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies. His address from the throne was unanimously applauded. Premier Sagasta spoke amidst profound silence regarding American columns and the injustice which has compelled Spain to reply to war with war. The conservatives, republicans and carlists all joined in discussion of their loyal support to the Government.

Marines Going to Key West.
Fort Monroe, Va., April 26.—The United States transport, Panther, with eight hundred marines aboard left for Key West accompanied by the cruiser Montgomery.

Commending Our Action.
London, April 26.—Irish members of the Parliament passed resolutions today commending the action of the United States in reference to Cuba.

CONGRESS DECLARES WAR.

The President's Message Urges a Declaration of War.

The House Passes the Resolution Unanimously.

Washington, April 25.—The Cabinet is in session this morning considering a war proclamation.

The war message as sent to Congress recommends the adoption of a resolution that a state of war exists between the United States and Spain.

In his message to Congress the President says: "I recommend the adoption of a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Spain. I also urge speedy action thereon to the end that the definition of the international status as applied to a belligerent nation may be made known, and the association of all its rights and maintenance of its duties. In the conduct of the public war may be assured."

The message also says: Spain treats our reasonable demands as measures of hostilities, following with a complete severance of all diplomatic relations. The demands of this Government being denied I have been constrained by the exercise of power conferred upon me by Congress to proclaim a blockade of certain ports on the north coast of Cuba. In view of the measures so taken, I recommend a declaration of war.

LATER—The House of Representatives has passed the resolution declaring war.

Papers submitted with the President's message establish the fact that Spain has recognized the existence of a state of war. The House passed the war declaration unanimously.

The Senate committee on Foreign Affairs have agreed to report the war bill as passed by the House of Representatives.

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples.

The Cruiser Columbia.
Newport, R. I., April 25.—The cruiser Columbia, Captain Sands, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning and anchored off the Torpedo Station. There was much signalling, before she came to anchor, with the Training Station. It cannot be ascertained what the Columbia's movements will be.

For every variety and phrase of the many diseases which attack the air passages of the throat and lungs, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will be found a specific. Its anodyne and expectorant qualities are promptly realized, and it is already for use.

Notifying Governors.
Washington, D. C., April 25.—The War Department this afternoon notified the Governors of the different states of the quota of troops that they were expected to furnish, naming in each instance the points of assemblage.

When the hair has fallen out, leaving the head bald, if the scalp is not shiny, there is a chance of regaining the hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Sails To Join The American Fleet.
Hong Kong, April 25.—The United States cruisers, Olympia, Baltimore, and Raleigh have just sailed from this port to join the American fleet which sailed yesterday.

Mines In Hampton Roads.
Hampton Roads, Va., April 25.—The harbor will soon be thoroughly protected with submarine mines.

Key West, April 26. The steamer Mouserrat, reported captured by Sampson's fleet has on board one thousand soldiers and five hundred thousand dollars in gold.

Three More Prizes.
Key West, April 26.—The Mangrove and Newport have captured three prizes.

LATER—The Mangrove is bringing in a large Spanish transport.

Key West, April 26. (3 p. m.)—The Mangrove's prize was the big Spanish liner, Panama.

Will Be Outclassed.
London, April 26. British Naval authorities say that Spain's Asiatic fleet will be outclassed by the American warships in a fight off the Philippine Islands.

SPRING MILLINERY.
For exclusive designs in Millinery, and all the latest ideas as they come out, go to

M. HILL & CO.,
WATER STREET.
Upstairs.

OUR FLEET FIRED UPON.

Neither of Them Hit And no Damage Done.

Key West, April 25.—The merchant vessel Catalina was captured 12 miles northwest of Havana this morning by the cruiser Detroit, she firing one blank shot. The Catalina immediately surrendered and was taken in tow.

A dispatch boat brings news that all is quiet off Havana. No bombardment today. No attack on the fleet watching to capture prizes.

Advices received here this morning say that two of our fleet, which were blockading Havana, were fired upon from the Spanish fort. No damage done.

LATER—The torpedo boat Rodgers was fired on by the Matanzas batteries, but was not hit. The torpedo boats Dupont and Winslow were also fired on, with a like result.

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BRITISH WATERS ARE NEUTRAL.
The French Cabinet Also Approves Neutrality Proclamation.

London, April 26. The British proclamation of neutrality was issued today. It is a routine document and lays down rules to belligerents. There shall be 24 hours interval between the departure of vessels of opposite sides. Ships now in British waters must leave within time stipulated and may only take on coal sufficient to carry them to the nearest port of their own country. Vessels must not re-coal in British waters without special permission, within three months, nor must they take prizes in British waters.

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We have thousands and thousands of dollars worth of goods to be sold. Our stock in every department has been largely increased. We believe our stock in merchandise today is not to be surpassed by anyone in town, as everything is of the latest style and brand new. No old goods to confuse with the new ones.



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Gents' Furnishing Dep't.
This department is full and running over with all the latest novelties that can be purchased, such as shirts, collars and cuffs. Underwear of all kinds, handkerchiefs, gloves and suspenders. Decidedly one of the finest lines of neckwear ever brought to Elizabeth City; in all the latest styles and colors.

Full line of umbrellas of all kinds and at such prices as will compel you to buy. A complete line of men's belts in all colors, styles and prices; also a full line of hosiery in black and fancies. Don't fail to examine this department as it is very attractive.

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Ladies' Shoes.

We are agents for Ziegler Bros. ladies shoes. This name is a guarantee for excellence. We have 1000 pairs of ladies' low shoes in all colors, styles, tips and toes, also a complete line of high cut shoes in all styles and colors, coin toe, pat, tip, tip of same in button and lace, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.00. A guarantee with every pair.

Ziegler Bros. and Woodbury Shoe Co.'s shoes, for misses and children, in high and low cut, and in all styles and colors toes and widths.

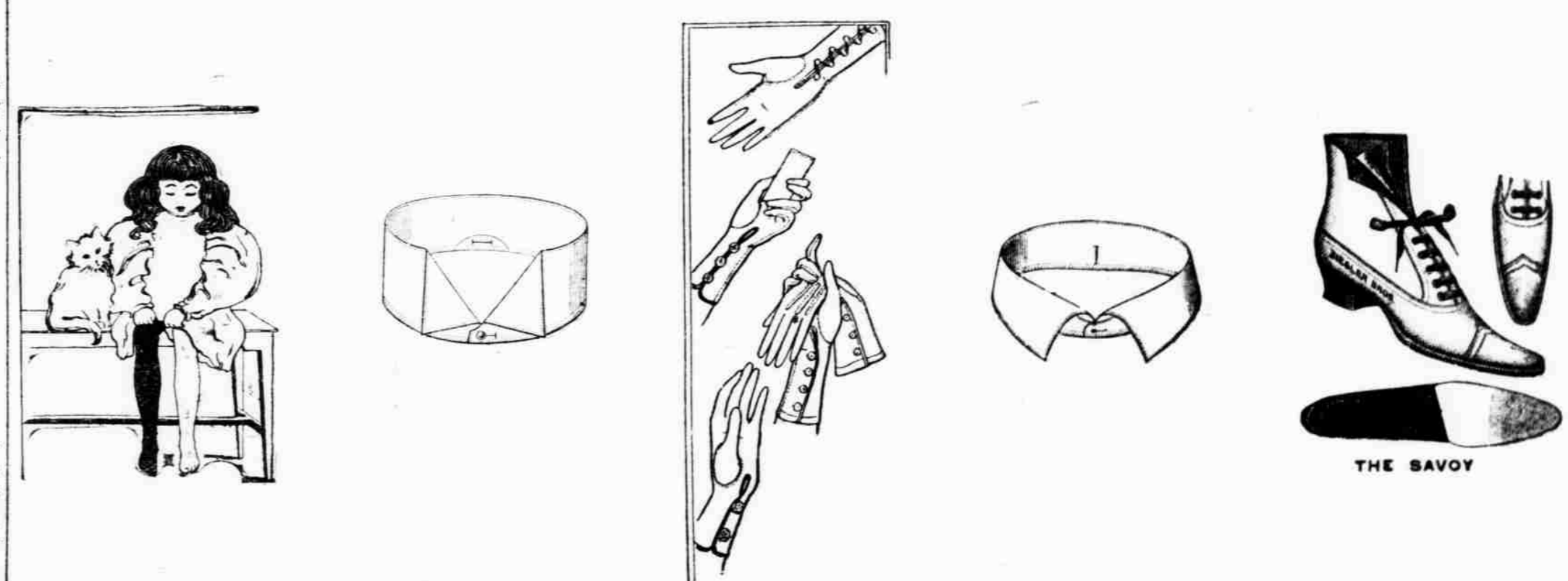
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