

whose fine steamers are engaged in the New York, Havana and Mexican trade, put one of the latest improved steam windlasses on the flagship "City of Alexandria." He says, "The windlass gives the best of satisfaction. The fact that all large steamers now built in the United States use the American Ship Windlass Company's steam windlasses in preference to any other kind made, prove the superiority of this windlass. Our steamers are obliged, from the nature of their route, to anchor often and frequently in dangerous places, and we are compelled to have, for our own protection, the very best and most perfect ground tackle and machinery for getting our anchors or riding to our anchors. We believe, in the Providence Steam Windlass we have the very best known."

The following letter is from Mr. A. Vanderbilt, the Superintendent of the Ward Line of Cuba steamers, a gentleman of ability and skill in his profession, and one of great practical experience in machinery. His statement shows that both the windlasses and capstans have given "entire satisfaction" in the fleet which he represents.

NEW YORK AND CUBA MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,  
JAMES E. WARD & Co., 113 WALL ST.,  
NEW YORK, April 9, 1880.

*Editor The Nautical Gazette:*

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your inquiry of the 8th inst., I would say that the steamships of this line are furnished with the windlass and capstan worked by steam, and made by the American Ship Windlass Company of Providence. They have given entire satisfaction. Yours truly,  
A. VANDERBILT.

Capt. E. Spicer, Jr., of the Mallory and Brazil Line steamers, says:—

"We use the steam windlasses made by the American Ship Windlass Company of Providence, R. I., on all our steamers, and they have always given us perfect satisfaction, and we can fully indorse them as being thoroughly reliable. They are the best that are made anywhere."

The officers of the Sound steamer "Massachusetts" say that her windlass is "just splendid," is always in order, and does its work without any failing.

Captain E. V. Gager, who commands the steamer "Louisiana," of the Cromwell Line, which is supplied with a steam windlass made by the American Ship Windlass Company, of Providence, R. I., when asked his opinion of the windlass, said, "It is the best appliance in the world for handling anchors and chains. Of this there can be no question. It is simply perfection itself, and no steam vessel is thoroughly equipped without one of them. Ours work to a charm in every respect. It is, I repeat, perfect."

We think we have, for the present at least, produced abundant and convincing proof from practical users of the steam windlasses and capstans made by the American Ship Windlass Company, that this establishment produces the most perfect machine for handling anchors and chains that is made in the world. They are not only speedy, but reliable, easily handled, almost noiseless, and take up but little room, comparatively speaking; when once put in are a fixture, and can always be depended upon. This company have, for years past, been adopting improvements, but it now seems almost impossible to make them more perfect.

In addition to the above extracts from the *Nautical Gazette* we have the following letter from Captain Thomas Wilson:

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21, 1881.

*American Ship Windlass Company, Providence, R. I.:*

GENTLEMEN: The steam windlass which you put in to the steamship "Tacoma," gives entire satisfaction, and I cheerfully recommend its use on all large steamers.  
Yours truly,  
THOMAS WILSON.

Passed Assistant Engineer G. W. Baird, U. S. N., writes as follows:

U. S. COMMISSION OF FISH AND FISHERIES, STEAMER ALBATROSS,  
WOODS HOLE, MASS., October 8, 1883.

*American Ship Windlass Company, Providence, R. I.:*

GENTLEMEN: In my quarterly report on the "Albatross" I have entered the following concerning our windlass: "The steam windlass, never having given any trouble nor requiring any repairs, merits a special mention."  
Yours, &c.,  
G. W. BAIRD.

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