

Emigrants are entitled to take with them, free of duty, wearing apparel in actual use, and other personal effects; but merchandise will be liable to Customs dues at the port of landing; in most cases, therefore, the emigrant must govern himself accordingly. The heavy luggage of passengers by trans-Atlantic steamers is generally placed in the ship's hold at the port of embarkation, and not taken up until it arrives at the port to which it is bound, though in some cases the luggage of cabin passengers is stored away in more accessible places, where it may be reached during the voyage. On the Cape, Australian, or New Zealand ships, passengers are usually allowed access to their luggage once or more during the voyage.

Steerage passengers on the trans-Atlantic steamers are required to provide themselves with bedding, mess utensils, etc., for use during the voyage. These should consist of pillow, mattress, pannikin to hold $1\frac{1}{2}$ pints, plate, knife, fork, and spoon. The cost of these articles will not exceed 4s. or 5s. at the port of embarkation. The passenger should also be provided with bed covering, a rug or blanket is sufficient. It must be borne in mind that should the passengers take these articles from home with them, they must take them out of their boxes before going on board, as there will be no chance of obtaining them after the luggage has been placed in the ship's hold. Intermediate and cabin passengers are provided with all necessary bedding and other articles for use during the voyage.

On vessels making longer voyages, the necessary articles for use at sea are either provided free or at fixed charges by the agents of the different colonial governments appointed to superintend the embarkation to the several colonies for free and assisted passengers; full paying emigrants and second-class passengers are required to provide their own outfit, while first-class passengers are provided with all requisites by the shipping companies. In steamers second-class passengers are also thus provided by shippers on long voyages; also boxes, marked "Wanted on the voyage," come up out of the hold at intervals of 21 or 28 days.

Once on board, the emigrant must without delay proceed to make himself at home as far as the circumstances of the situation will allow. The steerage passenger will find some situations "below" more desirable than others; therefore it will be to his advantage to get located early. If possible he should select an upper berth as near amidships as possible, where both light and ventilation are good. Married couples with their children are berthed together, and single women are classed together by themselves.

After the emigrants are all on board, they are ordered "aft," and, passed in single file before a medical officer appointed for that purpose, a formal inspection takes place, in order to ascertain that there are none amongst them who are not in a healthy state, or who are incapable of undertaking the voyage; friends say "Good-bye!" the last tender steams off, and the ship is soon under weigh. The emigrant lingers on deck, gazing longingly and lovingly at his native land as it fast disappears from his view, until at last he sees nothing around him but the broad expanse of waters. He now realises that he is leaving behind him, it may be for ever, the home of his youth and the resting-place of his ancestors; and when the sun sinks deep in the western horizon he may still, oblivious of all that is passing around him, be absorbed in deep and sorrowful thought. Scenes of the happy and cloudless days of childhood crowd before him, revered memories chase through his troubled mind, and his heart throbs as though it would break. He is naturally downcast for the time; but the stout-hearted emigrant consoles himself with the thought that the step he has taken will lead him to the enjoyment of even happier days than those he has spent in the past, and at last he retires "below."

Tea or supper is probably the first meal partaken of on board by the steerage passenger. It usually consists of tea, sugar, biscuits, and butter, and is

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