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Dutch Harbour, Unalaska Island.—H. M. S. Pheasant at Anchor in the Bay; Str. Humboldt at Wharf and Str. Excelsior alongside.

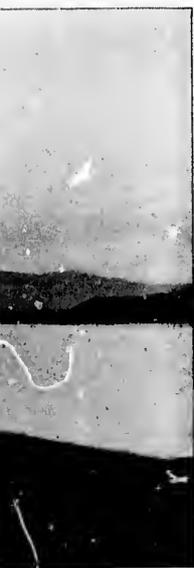
TENTS.

Of course each one has his own idea of a tent, but experience has taught me that the simpler the tent is in construction the better. I would suggest a bell tent not less than 10 feet in diameter, with a 10 ounce duck roof, and an eight ounce duck wall. The wall to be 2½ or 3 feet in height, with a foot or more of sod cloth. The pitch of the tent should be pretty sharp to throw off the rain. I would not have it less than 9 or 10 feet in height. Better than this, a square tent, called the "Egyptian" tent, 10 feet on each side, with a 10 ounce roof and 8 ounce wall, as in the bell tent. Of course a smaller tent may be ordered, but this will prove a good serviceable size, and will not be too heavy to pack around, and will accommodate three or four men conveniently. The square, or Egyptian tent, will accommodate four men and quite an amount of outfit. One man can hoist one of these tents readily by driving in four stakes in the form of a square at the proper distance apart, fastening four of his guy lines on them, inserting his pole and raising the tent. Afterwards he can adjust the other guy lines and fasten them as required. A pole can always be got; it is needless to carry them. I would advise a large party taking several of these tents instead of one large one. They are easier to carry about and the party can separate, break itself into units, so to speak, for prospecting purposes. For a party of two a smaller tent will do. Tents should be provided before entry. Material for their construction is expensive, and the supply limited in that country. The cost of making them is also much more than here. If possible have the door made mosquito-proof. This is easily done by attaching a piece of cotton gauze or very light cotton cloth to each side of the door, which can be folded together and tied up with tape fastened to the walls to support it. This will prove a great comfort. To exclude them effectually we must load down our

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