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## Y STOLID GUARDS WELCOME HOME THE NATION'S DEAD

ption at Pier as 2,479  
Bodies Arrives

nts Warn Officials to De-  
Shipment Home "Till  
ter Christmas"—Gloomy  
ene in New York.

(N. Y. Evening Post)  
were unloading dead soldiers in  
en yesterday afternoon, swinging  
wer from the holds of the army  
-1 Wheaton, which rested gray  
out in its berth after its gruesome  
the long, black, grimy Pier 4,  
ourky length was draped and  
ish flags and bunting to welcome  
al boys home. The fact that this  
as greatest number of dead sol-  
to be brought back aboard one  
here were 2,479 of the long,  
boxes hoisted high over the  
of side—did not impress the few  
somed them (or break the mon-  
f this long business of receiving  
her cargo of a nation's dead.  
Longshoremen, pulling at the  
and scuttling off with bodies on  
baggage trucks, and the few  
bored soldiers doing sentry  
along the long, flat-decked pier,  
there — and getting home the  
s getting extremely tame to them.  
w long have they been doing  
asked the one person who had  
to watch the process — and to  
it was a painful novelty — of a  
ing boy with a gun, meaning only  
out how long it took to get 2,479  
off a boat.  
they've been at this about six  
a now—and it's still going on.


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drawled the boy dully. "Sometimes I  
wonder why they didn't let 'em stay  
over there, anyway."

Gibe of a Topsy Guard.

"How much are you getting for writ-  
ing up this thing?" asked the huge,  
kind, imaginative, and somewhat tipsy  
Irish guard on the pier, who stood at the  
foot of a gangplank, watching the boxes  
suar and fall. "So much the square  
inch? What you want's some janty  
stuff, now, isn't it? Well, that last box  
that come over before you come had  
flowers on it."

But the only flowers on that pier were  
those grown in this kind, clumsy mind,  
which felt in an inarticulate way that  
this wasn't just the way people expected  
to find things here, and that something  
ought to be done, if in words only, to  
furbish up the situation, tone it down,  
and gloss it over with romance.

Up in a busy office full of stenograph-  
ers and underlings, where the most hu-  
man work of all goes on, the writing of  
letters to the boys' homes, to find out  
the wishes of the home people, the  
colonel told the plans for these thou-  
sands of boys who had come home for  
Christmas, but must not reach their  
homes on Christmas Day.

"Before or after," he said, "but not on  
Christmas Day. The mothers write and  
say if we can get them there by the  
first or so, to send them down, but if not,  
to hold the bodies here until Christmas  
Day is over. There are a great many  
of them, and they go to every part of  
the country. So there are a great many  
which we must hold here a while."

Trundled Off by Number.  
On each wooden box is the name,  
rank, and number of its occupant, and  
the state and town to which it goes.  
Also, on the box is the word "Cen-  
tury," followed by a number. According  
to the address, each box is trundled off  
in haste to that part of the pier dedi-  
cated to the section of the country in-  
dicated, where the coffins are set up on  
wooden horses, in a long, close row.  
Pier 4, Hoboken, is a great, full cen-  
tery today, the boards of each box cov-  
ered, by the time, with a brand-new flag,  
which will go with it through the last  
stage of the trip and see the body  
brought honorably to the place where it  
belongs.

Thinking about those little towns, and  
the final peace which will come to  
families when the flag-draped bodies  
come home again at least is the only  
way one watching at the pier can be  
reconciled to this ordeal. Any one con-  
cerned with the grim detail of getting  
the dead boys home must think of the  
little towns and the families constantly.  
For the little towns, the families, do  
not know or imagine the grim details  
of the job. If they did they might not  
have decided in favor of that long, un-  
natural trip.

If every father, for instance, had for-  
gotten about being the father, and  
imagined he was the boy himself, would  
he have chosen to go alive and be  
brought back, dead, to come back in a  
box like a trunk, hoisted with some  
thousands of others over the side of a  
silent ship to a silent, friendless pier?

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the people who compose it, Lady Foster  
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and was there much impressed by the  
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Aberdeen inspired her with their enthu-  
siasm for Canada, and in 1912 and in



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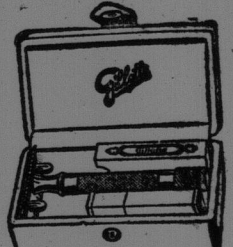
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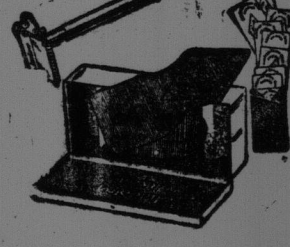
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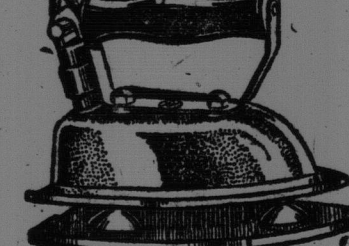
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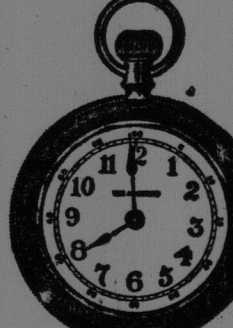
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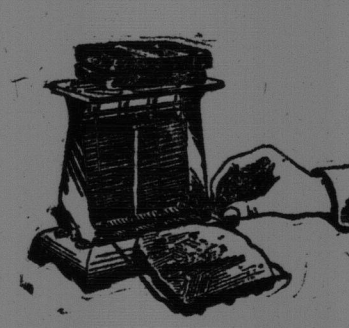
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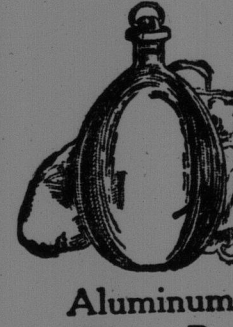
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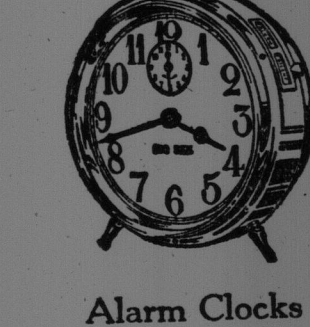
Bread Boards  
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lish weave; were \$11.00.  
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