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of our readers have had experience in this sort of thing, or may be contemplating a trip across in this fashion, may be of interest.

Amongst the impecunious and those desirous of seeing a bit of rough life or as a means to getting an economical trip to the old country, "bull punching" is a popular manner of travelling across the Atlantic. In this way one comes into contact with all nationalities and all classes and conditions of men. You may find the student who goes to spend his vacation by travel in Britain and the continent; the longhaired artist working his way back to Europe; the down-and-out who is no good at anything in particular and is merely there because he gets fed and has a place to sleep; Italians who have been in the lumber camps and on railroad construction, and are on their way nome with their small fortunes; and lastly, you find the hard and roughlooking individual who is a cattleman and who hopes soon to be in charge of shipments of cattle.

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After the "roping" is over the cattle are run into cars which are switched down the wharf and alongside the ship, then covered-in gangways are fitted up and the animals are got on board. The old method of loading and unloading was with a crane and slings and this manner still obtains in Germany, West Africa and other places where there is a heavy surf and ships have to anchor a mile or so from the shore, and load or unload from the surf-boats.

The liveliest part of the work now commences-tying the cattle up to the head-boards. Most of the steers show an evident dislike to be tied up, and the more stubborn of them have to be persuaded with pitchforks and lassoes. Even though the utmost care is taken, some of the men are pulled over the head-boards while endeavoring to fix the head ropes, and narrowly escape being gored to death.

The men were then "signed-on" on the ship's articles as full-fledged cat-tlemen. There were 15 of us alto-gether in the trip I refer to. The foreman and his two assistants, a parson, two McGill students, a Scotsman, two Englishmen, a Hollander, five Italians and myself. We worked in wo gangs, the Hollander and formed one and the parson, students, Scotsman, Englishman and myself the other, with an assistant foreman over each. And couldn't these foremen swear! Their language rivalled that of the most exacting troop-sergeant.

At four o'clock in the morning the cattle were watered, every bucketful having to be carried from barrels placed fore and aft amidships. This ob took over two hours, and long before it was finished our trousers were soaking wet and our shirts were sticking to our skin with sweat. The animals were then fed, and when this was done, usually about eight o'clock, we had breakfast. This consisted of coffee and hash (a mixture of beef and potatoes) and a cob of bread.

The hardest part of the day's work was hauling up the bales of hay and bags of grain from the hold with block and tackle. This was done in the forenoon after the cattle had been again fed and the troughs and alleyways thoroughly cleaned up. Then we had dinner. This consisted of pretty wat-

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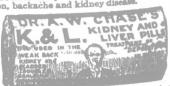
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