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# United States Sanitary Commission.

PHILADELPHIA AGENCY.

*Circular to ...*  
No. 27 South Sixth Street.

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The Philadelphia Associates of the United States Sanitary Commission, while returning thanks to their fellow-citizens of the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, for the liberal responses hitherto made to their appeals, are again compelled to make their wants known to the public.

The immense value of the Commission's aid, particularly at the late battle of Antietam, and the still later battle of Fredericksburg, was fully recognized by the Government. After the battle of Antietam, our agents, with large supplies of clothing, food, stimulants and medical stores, were on the ground two days in advance of the government supplies. Their labors were enormous, and the good accomplished correspondingly great. The lamented Mr. Platt, the late efficient General Superintendent of this Agency, was untiring in benevolent exertions. The exposure into which his unselfish energy led him, cost the Commission his valuable life.

At the more recent battle of Fredericksburg, the agents of the Commission were promptly on the ground, and, acting in conjunction with the regular medical authorities, materially aided in having the wounded of that bloody struggle, better cared for on the spot, and more expeditiously and comfortably removed to hospitals, *than after any previous battle*. These results were largely due to the wise foresight of the Commission, enabled by the contributions of a liberal public to accumulate large quantities of the necessary supplies at such points as were most accessible for the purposes required.

We are fully convinced that the medium of the Sanitary Commission is the *best*, if not the only safe way of reaching the sick and wounded of the army, with any thing like system. Contributions to its stores can always be made effective, as its thorough national organization and official recognition by the military authorities, give it facilities for communication with and transportation to distant points, possessed by no other organization; while one almost necessary result of sending supplies through the numerous well-meaning independent relief societies is that some localities are over burdened with useful stores, while other places are comparatively destitute.

Little or no reliance can be had that articles sent to individual sick or wounded will ever reach their destination. We have good authority for saying that *over twenty thousand*

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undelivered packages for soldiers are now awaiting owners in the store house of one express company in Washington. We believe that no express company ever undertakes to deliver packages to a particular individual or company. Boxes are perhaps taken to within five or six miles of the desired spot, but they are as useless there as if they had never been forwarded at all. No regimental transportation can be depended on for their conveyance, as regimental wagons are fully occupied in other service.

The Sanitary Commission does not and cannot undertake to deliver specific articles to individuals, or to particular regiments, but adopts the broad principle of attending *faithfully* to the wants of any and every sick and wounded soldier who can be reached. It is, we believe, the only organization which is national and permanent in its character, having storehouses and branch offices in the principal cities of the country, and should have innumerable contributing aid societies in every county throughout the land, as it already has in many. It has transportation trains of its own following the armies in the field, in addition to unusual governmental facilities, and, in the pursuit of its humane mission, knows no North, South, East or West.

Large supplies of under-clothing for the sick and wounded soldiers—of prepared soups and jellies, wines, fruits, and other delicacies and articles of nourishment, so indispensable on such occasions, have always been on hand with the agents of the Commission, at the times and places most needed; and abundant testimony has been furnished that thousands of lives have been saved by the prompt administration of such stimulants and restorative to the exhausted and almost perishing victims of some bloody and perhaps unexpected battle, by the faithful and devoted physicians and nurses connected with the Commission.

These supplies are almost exhausted. It is unnecessary to say that the need for more is urgent, and the appeal is now made that, while the Commission has faithful and intelligent and useful agents in the field, who are perilling their lives in the sacred cause of humanity, their important work shall not be allowed to languish, either for want of pecuniary aid, or willing contributions of the needed supplies.

Contributions will be thankfully received by either of the undersigned, or by ROBERT M. LEWIS, the General Superintendent, at the Depository, No. 27 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, or by Caleb Cope, Esq., Treasurer of the Commission, N. E. corner of Sixth and Minor streets, second story, or by Mr. H. A. De France, who will continue to call personally on citizens for that purpose.

- C. J. STILLÉ,
- W. H. ASHHURST,
- THOS. KIMBER, JR.,
- HUGH DAVIDS,
- GEO. M. CONARROE,

*Committee on the Depository.*

*Philadelphia, February, 1863.*

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Aid societies in the country, sending boxes or packages, should have them legibly directed to ROBERT M. LEWIS, U. S. Sanitary Commission, No. 27 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, and send them by railroad or otherwise. The freight will be settled for by the Philadelphia Agency.

Any of the publications of the Commission may be had, or further information obtained, by addressing the Superintendent, at the Depository.

### SUPPLIES WANTED FOR THE HOSPITALS.

Woolen, Canton Flannel and Cotton Material.	Canton Flannel Shirts and Drawers.
Cotton Shirts, ordinary size and make.	Cotton Drawers, ordinary size and make.
Flannel Undershirts, " " "	Woolen Drawers, " " "
Woolen Shirts " " "	Dressing Gowns.
Woolen Stockings.	Handkerchiefs, good size.
Blankets, Quilts, Towels.	Sheets 4 feet wide and 8 feet long.
Ring Pads and Cushions, stuffed with hair or feathers.	Pillows.
Bed Ticks.	Flannel, (by piece.)

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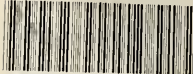
Jellies.	Dried Fruit.	Whisky.	Brandy.	Pickles.
Cocoa.	Chocolate.	Pure Lemon Syrup.	White Wine—(for wine whey.)	

Preserves, Jellies, and all articles contained in bottles and jars, in order to carry safely, should be securely packed in small boxes (marked glassware). Much loss, from the breaking of bottles and jars, has heretofore resulted from their not being properly packed.





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