

CITIZENS :

We have an army of one hundred thousand men in Hospital. It is utterly impossible to meet their wants in the ordinary forms of the hospital service. Nearly all Soldiers who go into hospital, go in with clothing all unfit for sick men, and when convalescent are unable to rise or walk because they are naked. An old coat, a pair of cast-off pantaloons, a vest, a dressing gown, a pair of socks, a shirt (flannel or cotton), a pair of slippers, would give them untold comfort.

Every housekeeper has some article of this sort, which, if brought out from its uselessness and appropriated to this service, would be a blessing. We beg of you to make diligent search, and whatever you can find of this kind, send to the Committee Rooms in the City Hall, where it will be forwarded to the store rooms of the Sanitary Commission.

The undersigned have been requested to act as a Committee for this State; and they have consented to do so, and will take charge of all things intrusted to their care.

HORATIO STEBBINS,
GEO. R. DAVIS.

Portland, Nov. 28, 1862.

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