

ELLIS ISLAND'S PROBLEMS

(Due to the bargain steerage rate 4,113 foreign paupers have been landed in New York within five days, with 8,000 more on the way.)

Down the greasy gang-plank

See the motley pack—

Nothing in the pocketbook,

Tatters on the back,

Pauper, cripple, criminal,

Halt and blind and slow—

Has Uncle Sammy room enough to give 'em

all a show?

Citizens of Babel

Shipped from every clime,

Aliens in look and speech,

Brothers in their grime.

Rag-tag and nondescript,

MARK them as they go—

Has Uncle Sammy room enough to give 'em

all a show?

Crime, disease, and wretchedness

Of a hundred lands;

All a world's incompetence

Dumped upon our hands.

Are our furrows ready

Such a seed to sow—

Has Uncle Sammy room enough to give 'em

all a show?

In our tainted sweat shops

Where the pauper comes,

In our reeking tenements,

In our festering slums.

Shall we add these thousands

To the overflow—

Has Uncle Sammy room enough to give 'em

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