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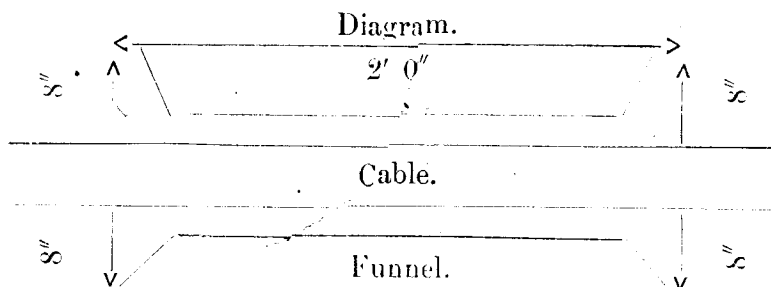
## REGULATIONS

*Made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council, on the 11th day of March, 1902, under the provisions of The Rats Ordinance, 1902.*

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the word "Ship" means any description of vessel used in navigation not propelled by oars, except Junks or Lorchas not propelled by steam.

To prevent rats on board ship coming on shore, and the shore rats from getting on board ship—

- (1.) All cables, hawsers, and ropes used for mooring ships alongside any wharf, or passing between the ship and the shore, and all shores used for securing ships in dock, must (when such shores are within a distance of 12 inches from any open port or other opening in the ship's side, or within 12 inches of the gunwale or rail) have fastened on them a funnel-shaped appliance consisting of a tube of iron or other metal about 2 feet in length, with a trumpet-like flange. This trumpet-like flange must be double, in order to prevent the rats from passing either way along the cable, and each flange must extend at least 8 inches clear of the rope or cable. The cable or rope must be passed through the tube and the intervening space filled up.



- (2.) All openings through which ropes pass from the ship to the wharf, or shore, must be stopped up, and all such ropes must be daily tarred to a distance of 6 feet from the ship and the shore respectively.
- (3.) Brows or Gangways for cargo, are to be disconnected from the ship while cargo is not being worked over them, other Brows or Gangways must also be kept disconnected between sunset and sunrise, except when required to be used by persons coming on board or leaving the ship.
- (4.) From sunset to sunrise, a bright light must be kept burning at each end of every Brow or Gangway, so long as it connects the ship with the shore or wharf.

To prevent rats from entering buildings—

- (1.) It shall be lawful for the Sanitary Board to serve a notice on the owner of any premises, requiring him to fill up with cement, or other material to be approved by the Board, all rat-runs and other similar holes in the brickwork, stonework or flooring of any building, and to provide suitable gratings for all ventilating openings, with a view to the exclusion of rats from such building.
- (2.) Any person failing to comply with such notice within a reasonable time, which is to be specified in the notice, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

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