

The Detroit Canoe and Oar Works, Detroit, Michigan

## CANVAS COVERED CANOES

# Descriptive Catalogue and Price List

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### THE DETROIT CANOE AND OAR WORKS

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#### Canvas Covered Canoes.

We give below a brief description of the manufacture and material used in our canvas covered canoes. We will endeavor to describe plainly the manner in which we build canvas covered canoes that you may see why we make the best and most durable canvas covered canoe on the market to-day and at a moderate cost.

#### Material Used.

We use only clear Canadian Cedar for the siding and ribs, the Wales, Sterns and Keels are Oak. Decks are made of clear Maple, Birch or Cherry. All canoes have an extra outer stem, with stem guards of oval brass. The sides are covered with the control of the outer double filled canvas.



Top and side view, showing seats for paddler in rear with air tank beneath it.

Inside, natural wood oiled and varnished.

Outside may be painted any color desired.

#### Manner of Construction.

The 11/2-inch wide ribs are steamed and bent over a form 1-inch apart, the siding is then put on. The joints in the siding are so well made that the canoe would be water-tight, even if the canvas should be removed after the canoe is finished. This siding then gets a coat of paint which is allowed to dry, then another coat of paint is put on and the canvas is stretched over it. The canoe is now placed bottom side up and paint is poured on until the canvas is filled until it will hold no more. The last coat of paint goes through the canvas and mingles with the one preceeding, so that when the whole becomes dry it is impossible to remove the canvas without leaving some of it on the siding or taking some of the siding with the canvas. The outside of the canoe now receives three more coats of paint, each being rubbed down perfectly



Side view of our Canoe, showing the lines of the bow and stern.
Inside, natural wood oiled and varnished.
Outside can be painted any color desired.

smooth before the new coats are applied. Then last, to give the canoe a fine glossy and finished appearance we apply a coat of good spar varnish.

We make only one grade—the best. We employ only men who are skilled in the manufacture of canoes. We use only the best lead, oils and spar varnish in the finishing of our canoes. We do not use enamel, that cracks and peals off in spots, but good paint. If the paint becomes chaffed or worn off in spots, the surface may be sand-papered down smooth and another coat applied, making the canoe look as good as new. But if the enamel, used by manufacturers of cheap canoes, becomes cracked and chips off, as it usually does, you cannot re-enamel the spots but are put to the expense of re-finishing the entire canoe.



View Showing Mid-Ship Section.

The prices of our canvas canoes are governed by the length. We make only one quality—the best.

#### PRICE LIST.

Each canoe is furnished with one caned seat in stern for the paddler.

12	feet	long		\$25.00
13	"	"		27.00
	"			30.00
15	"	"		32.50
16	"	"		35.00

Air tanks furnished with Canoe for \$2.50 extra. Prices for other lengths given on application.

