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The Dead Soldier's Children.*

BY K. H. W.

Upon a field which War's red hand
Had strewed with dead and dying;
When the foe, who late so boastfully
Came on, in shame were flying;
In a spot where thickest lay the dead,
Most fierce had been the battle,
Lay one who never more should hear
The guns' death-dealing rattle.

Three wounds, and all in front, told plain
How bravely he had fought;
One grazed his cheek, one broke an arm,
The third his breast had sought.
At night when o'er the scene of strife
The moon her pale rays shed,
In hurrying groups, men moving round
Are burying the dead.

They reach our soldier, note his wounds,
And wonder, "Who was he?"
No sign betrays his name, or aught
About him,—ah! but see!
As they lift to lay him in his grave,
A card falls flutteringly.
One stoops and picks it up,—"Look here!
"Tis a picture—children three."

A happy group! they well might be
A parent's joy and pride,
But oh! what anguish must have filled
The heart of him who died,
To think he ne'er again should see
Those faces bright and fair,
And they, so young and weak, must live
Without a father's care.

* After the terrible slaughter at Gettysburg, a Union soldier was found in a lonely spot, where, alone and uncared for, he had laid himself down to die. In his hands was found a picture of three little children. On this picture his eyes were fixed in death. His last look was upon them, and his last prayer for their good and God's blessing. He was without any mark of recognition. The picture has been copied by some of our best Photographers, and is being sold in large quantities by several leading houses. It was hoped that by multiplying and spreading this picture, the whereabouts of the children might be found, and the profits of the sales handed to them. That hope has been realized, we learn. Being so intimately connected with the art we advocate, we give it this notice, and publish the above beautiful lines inspired by looking upon their three tiny faces.

Somewhere—oh! where?—in Northern State,
A little homestead lies,
Whose inmates of for tidings watch
With eager, anxious eyes.
Their hearts are worn with waiting long,
Are sick with hope deferred,
For since that bloody battle-day
They have not heard a word.

"Can we not hear? shall we ne'er know
How died he? where he lies?"
So ask the weeping children oft,
The mother's heart so sighs.
Yes, still hope on; some future day
It surely shall be shown,
And by this little picture's aid
Their father's fate be known.

"THE LOAN OF A BITE."

In the publication of this journal we shall endeavor to present our subscribers with a specimen photograph that will be useful, acceptable, and valuable. With a market overladen with engravings, we shall have to select and copy the rare; and among so many noted personages in this war-time, we can place in our portrait-gallery only those men in whom the public are particularly interested at the time.

Our subjects will not be confined to any one class, but will be varied. Occasionally we propose to present a fine view of some place of interest: at other times a portrait, a street picture, or copy of an engraving. In this number our specimen is of the latter class. We have copied Mr. William Mulready's, R. A., "Loan of a Bite," engraved by H. C. Shenton. and photographed by F. Gutekunst, of Philadelphia. The photograph was made with a Harrison Globe lens, and is a photographic success, as will be seen by the sharpness of the figures and distinctness of lines in the print. It is a peculiar picture, and the artist has certainly given us