



WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF SHARPSBURG, MD., TAKING REFUGE IN THE CELLAR OF THE KRETZER MANSION, DURING THE BATTLE OF ANTIETAM.—BURSTING OF A SHELL, IN THE WINDOW OF THE CELLAR. —FROM A SKETCH BY F. H. SCHELL.

Mr. Schell's sketch illustrates one of the pathetic and mournful phases of war. The battle of Antietam was fought over a field many miles in extent, Sharpsburg lying in the very centre. Confederate troops and batteries, when moving from one wing to another, marched behind the town, drawing the fire of the Union guns. Many shells exploded in the streets and among the thickly-clustered dwellings. The only refuge for the non-combatants was in the cellars, and those were not always spared by the searching shells.