



THE FEDERAL ARMY, UNDER GENERAL GRANT, TAKING FORMAL POSSESSION OF VICKSBURG, JULY 4, 1863.
AFTER THE SURRENDER.—FROM A SKETCH BY F. B. SCHELL.

The siege of Vicksburg ended with capitulation, and the Union forces marched in and took possession of the city. It was the national holiday, and the event was marked with wild enthusiasm in the Union ranks. There was, however, a generous consideration for the suffering Confederates. The people remaining in the city were literally starving. They were supplied from Federal stores, and the property of the people suffered no further injury from the presence of the victorious army. Doubtless many people of Vicksburg felt within a sentiment of joy that the terrible strain was over, and that they should suffer no more from bombardment and privation.