



CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA WORKING IN THE FORTIFICATIONS TO REPEL THE INVASION OF LEE'S ARMY.
FROM A SKETCH BY GEORGE LAW.



RETURN TO NEW YORK, APRIL 28, 1863, OF THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH NEW YORK VOLUNTEER REGIMENTS, AFTER A SERVICE OF TWO YEARS IN THE FIELD.

One of the most thrilling experiences of the war was the welcome home. The young fellows who volunteered were rather beardless than bearded; but they came home bearded and full grown. The military discipline straightened their bodies and broadened their shoulders. The uniform dignified their appearance. Generally the mails were regular between the lines of conflict and the home towns and country places. The return of a regiment on leave or by expiration of service, always brought out the people; and the Boys in Blue were never lacking a hearty reception. It was on such occasions that the mothers and sisters and sweethearts found their peculiar opportunity. The scene here represented is that of return, in April of 1863, of the Seventh and Eighth New York Volunteers, after a service of two years in the field.