



CAISSONS AND HORSES ON THE FIELD AFTER A BATTLE.—FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.



WOMEN OF THE SOUTH COMPELLED BY HUNGER TO APPLY TO THE FEDERAL COMMISSARY FOR FOOD.

The people of most parts of the South had a personal realization of the horrors and distresses of war, such as those of the North knew little of. In several States wide areas were utterly desolated; and as all the men of the family were often away and their slaves had fled, there was no one left to cultivate the ground or take care of live-stock. Often, therefore, it happened that even the people accounted wealthy were reduced to absolute want, and were compelled to apply to their conquerors to save them from starvation.