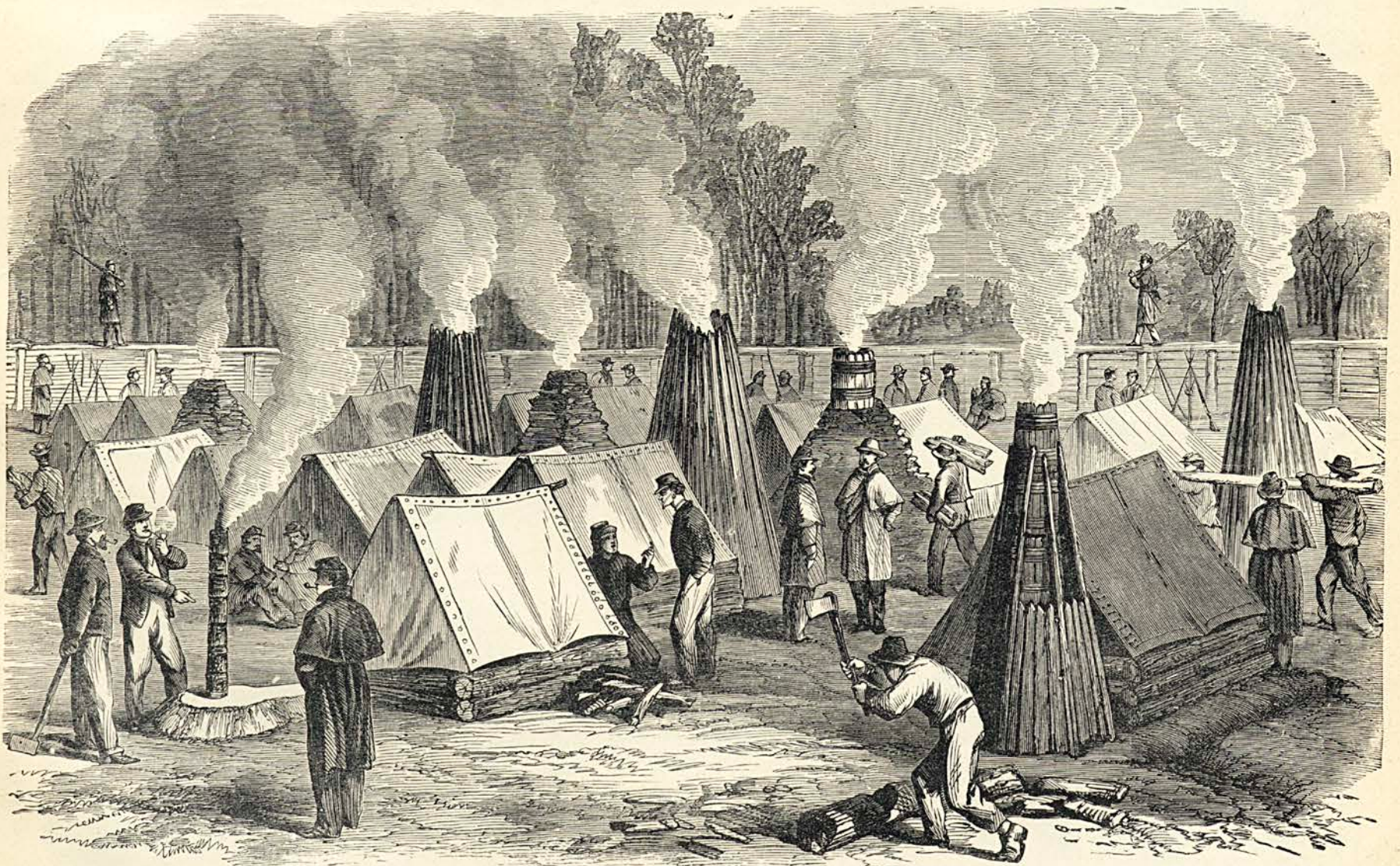




"WASHERWOMEN" IN THE ARMY OF THE SHENANDOAH.—A LAUNDRY ESTABLISHMENT.
FROM A SKETCH BY JOSEPH BECKER.



CHIMNEY ARCHITECTURE—SOLDIERS AT THEIR CAMP-FIRES.
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An astonishing amount of ingenuity was developed in camp and field, where not only "necessity" but comfort was "the mother of invention." Of purely military expedients the Southern troops had their fair share; though even in that line they were excelled by the Northern mechanic. But once in camp, the Yankee proclivity for "fixing up" resulted in devices that had no counterpart in rebel winter quarters. Wherever the Union troops remained long enough to make it worth while, their camps became veritable museums of ingenious contrivances. In the Shenandoah camp here shown, a variety of chimney architecture is illustrated, by which the tents, converted into roofs for diminutive log cabins, were freed from the smoke of the fire-places which kept them warm. With flour barrels and pickets, or with tomato cans and dried mud, effective flues were constructed which, while they marred somewhat the military picturesqueness of the camp, kept the soldiers well and fit for duty.