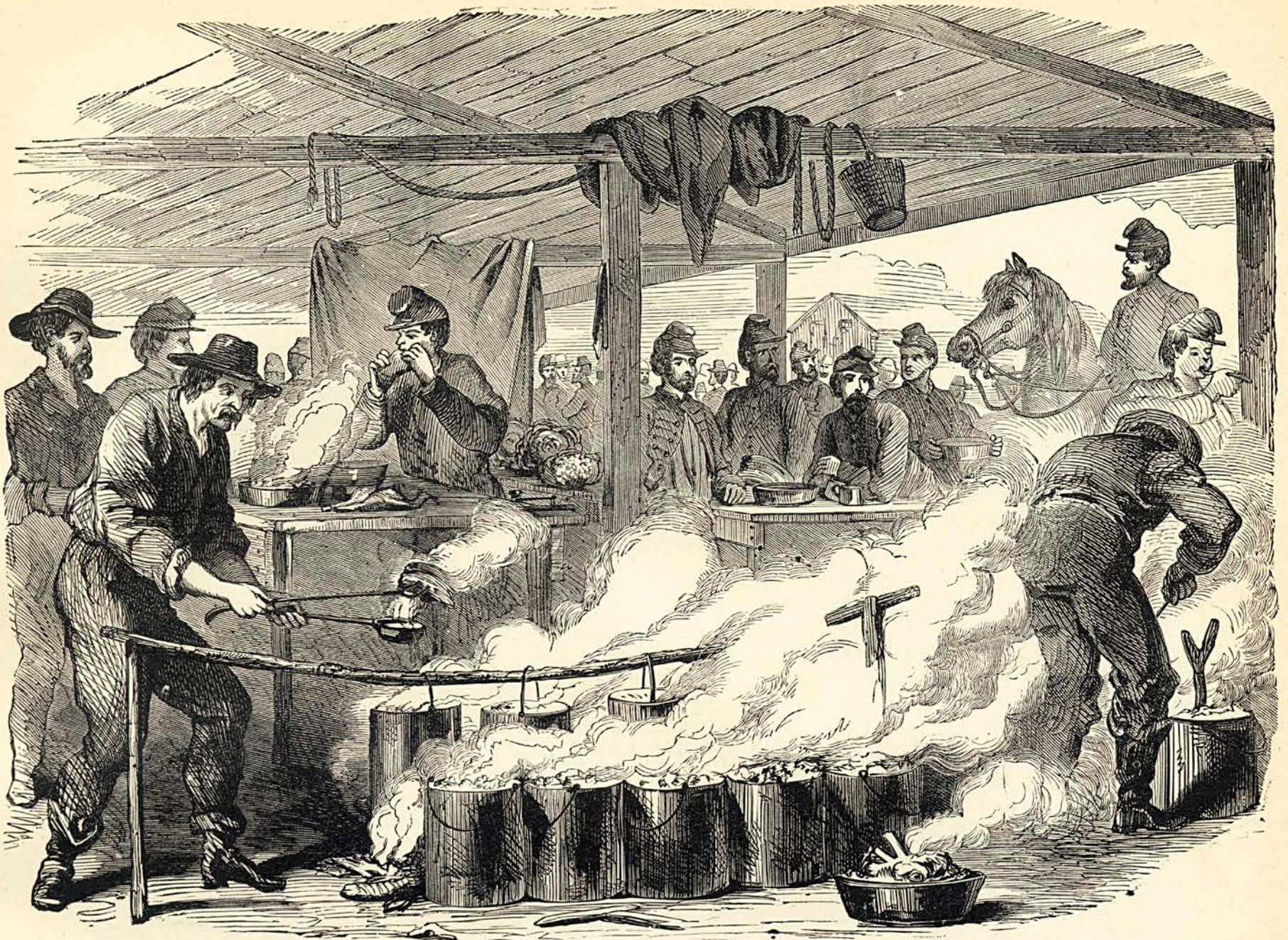




COOKING IN CAMP KITCHEN.



IMPROMPTU FIELD-OVENS OF THE NINETEENTH NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS.

Whenever the armies remained in one camp for months these field-ovens were constructed to supply the soldiers with soft bread. The ration was a most welcome one after they had subsisted on hard-tack during arduous campaigns. Flour was issued by the Government in lieu of hard bread, and bakers were found among the soldiers who could do the rest, and their comrades were glad to let them off from routine camp duty for the sake of the toothsome morsels they prepared. Bricks for the oven could usually be obtained from some dismantled dwelling. At any rate, given the flour, the ingenuity of the men would produce the bread, and that, too, of an excellent quality.