



MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT WASHINGTON.—THE PROVOST GUARD EXAMINING PASSES.



THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY'S OFFICE DELIVERING SOLDIERS' PACKAGES FROM HOME.

The arrival in camp of a package from home was like the advent of a Christmas box in a household. Everybody crowded around it, if only to see something from that far-off country known to the exiles as "home." The package or box contained everything from a "housewife" or a tincup to fruit cake and canned peaches. It was nothing if it did not bring something to wear, a hat, a pair of boots or even stockings, and it was less when devoid of an abundance of the good things a soldier could not get at the front for love nor money. The contents were shared liberally with comrades, and when the lucky sharers of some other fellow's box received one, it was evened up most generously. During the winter, while the army lay in permanent camp, it was a poorly regulated "shebang" that did not always have a shelf stocked with good things sent from home. The friends of the boys at the other end of the route were told just when to ship, and if the railroads and express companies did their duty, the relays came to hand in nick o' time.