



A CAMP OF REFUGEES DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY THE CONFEDERATE TROOPS.—FROM A SKETCH BY HENRY LOVIE.

In many of the Western States lying along the border the lot of the Union sympathizer was a sad one. Bound by ties of family and old associations to the old home, it was like being hunted into exile to be told by the stern Confederate officers, "Those who are not for us are against us; therefore depart and join your friends." Many camps of these poor people were maintained for years in the inaccessible mountain regions not far from their homes. From time to time the men stole away out of the Confederate lines and entered those of the Union army. The more daring ones would often return with supplies of food and clothing to the refugee camp. They would also act as messengers and mail-carriers between different and widely-separated camps peopled from the same town or county. Often the camps united their strength, either of supplies or of fighting men, for the time being, when there was a scarcity in one locality or the prospect of a Confederate raid. It was not policy to maintain large camps nor gather great quantities of stores at one point. Their existence would tempt the enemy to again attack and disperse the already hapless refugees.