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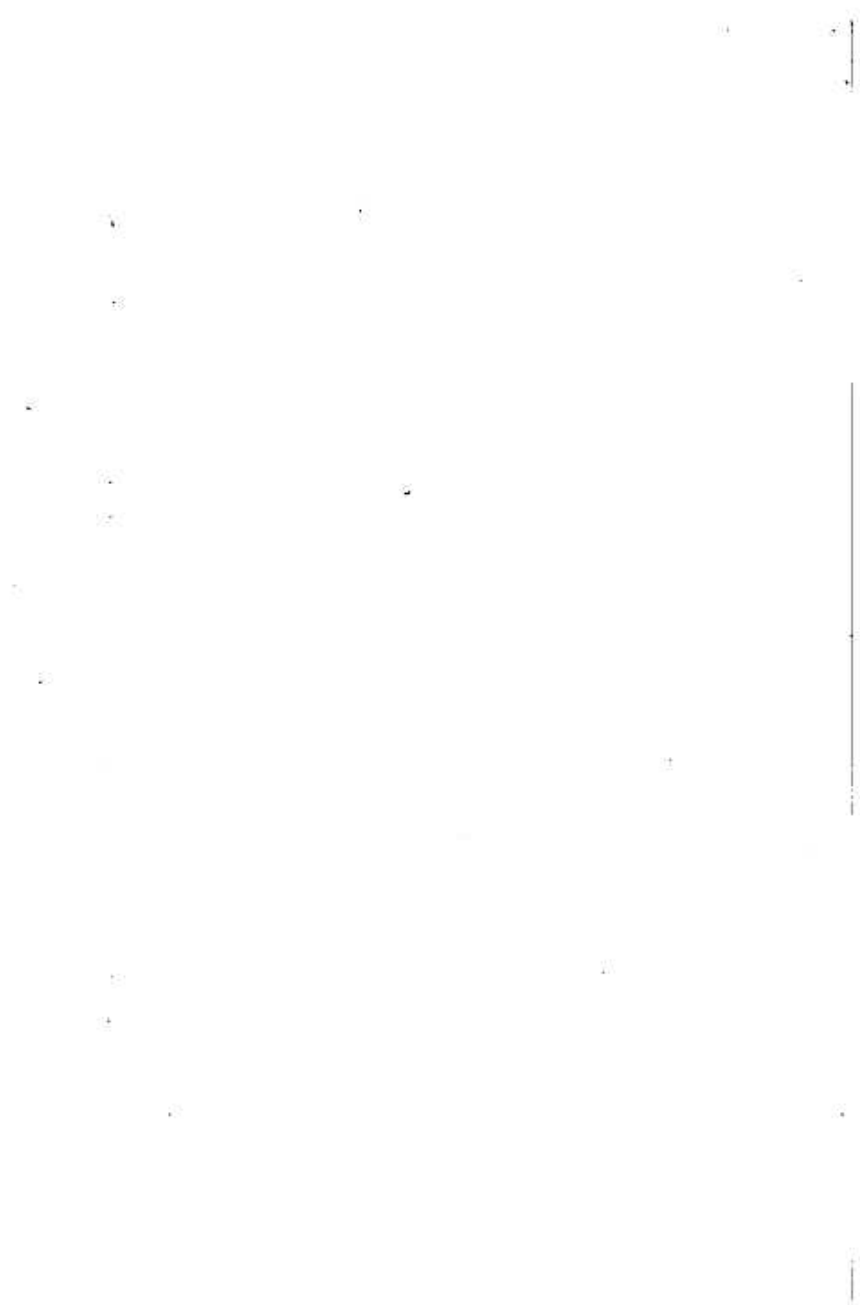
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INTRODUCTION.

NO doubt but this little book will find a welcome in many households. The brave soldier's bride and other thrilling incidents of our late Civil War will be found full of interest. I had two years' experience in the war and can truly say that I have known and have seen counterparts of every scene represented that I have examined within these pages. I recall one instance of a comrade's marrying the self-sacrificing widow whose brave soldier husband was slain by his mistaken brothers. Another incident I can never forget. As the two opposing forces were about to engage in battle, a young Confederate soldier saw his brother within the Union ranks and said to his comrade, "Oh, don't shoot in that direction! brother George stands there! and then, pointing in another direction, "don't shoot that way, father is there!" "I'll shoot between them," was the reply.

I cried in the depths of my soul, "How long, O Lord! how long before we can cross over this red sea of blood into the promised land of peace, where brother shall be arrayed against brother no more forever?"

As our rhymist has herself married a brave and crippled soldier, she knows whereof she speaks.

I thank the Lord and take courage as I see the Grand Arbitration principle prevailing in so many nations and may it soon triumph! May the God of peace and love hasten the glad day when the glorious anthem that astonished and amazed the shepherds of Judea's hills at the birth of the world's Redeemer, shall reverberate from every mountain top, and every valley re-echo the heavenly refrain, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will to men!"

Laura S. Haviland.