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In the year 1865, all events in the story of America. And this book tells how on the battlefield, in the shelter, tent, and in the war's aisle, amid guns, artillery trains, in the streets, by Washington, of cavalry in the grand gorgeous halls of gold, where the national representative meet, in the great military hospitals, in the United States, to the blood the ash, twice the blood, bandage with death and suffer, on every side.
Book arrest, the may of the
things, flashes, story & drunken
that characterizing the time - in
the spirit & in some of the
events we are passing
through - a book indeed gold of
these vehement these
tremendous days.

full of incident, full of the
blood & vitality of the
American people,

a book genuine, not created
expressed, from a life

gestated amid the ocean life &
cosmopolitanism of New York,
with all the peculiarities of Nationality

Nationality, Freedom, &
Real Democracy.

so much as the new
volume, the publisher
presents, the offers to
the public constant
that it will prove all
that its foreign description
claims for it.
Dear friend,

Something could be made more interesting

The idea of a Cock of the Rock Eaton Castle

worth the time, memoranda of incidents,

places persons places fight (month)

jotted down either on the spot or in

speed or hurry (left new world) but Dumas

the spirit of what is narrated - full of interest

I would think - a mixture of combination

of the old French memoir, but with

the 3 own personal - a book full enough but

all fused to one - the one

of the main points is to push homogeneous

the system needs - entirely revolutionary

of made to talk with democracy

The officer should almost invariably move

from the ranks - the great entire captain

Kensington - what has been done has been encouraged, in the ranks - it has -

in the hospitals - the immense the nation

hospitals - in them two most radical

changes of premises are need demanded

(air - the spirit of a thing is everywhere)

the details follow - almost immediately.
I have many hospital incidents I will take with the general reader. I start by referring to the theory of democracy very largely to the future in persons the President, Seward, Congress, the capital, Washington, etc.—have much to do of the nation the West etc.

—do not hesitate to diffuse myself— the book is very rapid— is a book that can be read by five or ten minutes at (it is full of small facts pieces paragraphs with their dates incidents)

—Jackow I should think there are three thousand ought to be figured in & here in Washington, pptation among the hospitals, departments, etc.
The United States Christian Commission

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The stores sent to the Christian Commission, if specially designed for any particular person, regiment, or hospital, are faithfully sent, without charge, to those for whom they are intended. If sent for distribution where most needed, they are distributed by our own agents or delegates in person.

The demand upon us is daily increasing, and stores of all sorts are urgently needed, especially such as are designated herein. But of all donations, MONEY IS THE BEST. We can purchase with it the right things at the right times, and can purchase at greatly reduced prices.

The vast numbers now in the service, and entering it, and the thousands of sick and wounded in the hospitals call loudly upon the people for help, whilst the eagerness of their friends to send help is as great as theirs to receive it. Already more than seventy-five thousand boxes and barrels of books and stores have been sent to our men, and over one hundred gentlemen of the highest respectability have gone as volunteers to distribute them, and to give sympathy, instructions, and prayers therewith.

The Commission will endeavor to distribute everything committed to its care by everybody, in any and every part of the field, in accordance with the purpose of its organization, accompanying each distribution with the consolations of the Gospel.

The following instructions will aid friends of our soldiers and sailors in deciding what to send, and how to pack, and how to direct what they send:

I. AS TO WHAT TO SEND.—MONEY IS BEST OF ALL. It is injudicious to spend money or labor for trifling articles.

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Mark legibly with ink or paint on the boards cards rub off. Send by mail, an invoice, on paper about this size, and written only on one side, specifying the articles, and the marks and numbers of each package, and giving the Post Office address in full to which acknowledgments are to be sent. Write plain; give the signature in plain hand, so that it can be read without mistake. If the writer is a man, mention whether or not he is a minister, and if a lady, state whether Miss or Mrs. All a. Besides the invoice sent by mail to Philadelphia, let the donor put in the box, under the lid, in an envelope addressed to himself and stamped, a copy, on which the delegate, opening the box in camp, can indorse an acknowledgment and the regiment or hospital to which it is given, and mail to the donor.

Send all Moneys to JOSEPH A. PATTERSON, Esq., Treasurer, Western Bank.
Dear [Friend],

Some consideration beyond mere hospital

My idea is a book of

handsome size & form (16 mo. or smaller),

12 mo. first rate paper, ordinary.

And we'd to retail for a dollar.

I think it should be got out

immediately. I think an edition

elegantly bound & fastened for presents,

is always for that purpose.

It would be very appropriate. I

think it a book that would please

women. I should expect to be popular

with the trade.

Of course I propose to

publish as soon as possible,

make out of it for both of us.

I think it would be a very

speculation. Only it is to be done

while the热情 is warm and

at once.
Thus do feel myself full of them & I know the people generally are too. (You would really want to understand it)

Let us make & publish the book & put with it in the middle of November. Acconshl / acconchez!
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