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TALES AND SKETCHES. THE SOLDIER'S MOTHER. In one of the fern glens of the upper Alleghenies stands a small log house, which once held a large family—John Riley, the father; Susan Riley, the mother; and children: John, Susan, James, Patrick, Sedgewick and little Bess. Bred to hard living, there was not one who shrank to face a catamount, or a bear, or an Indian, or a fox fault with hard bread and cold quarters.

At the breaking out of the war, the father, John, James and Patrick enlisted—the last of a drummer boy. Sedgewick cried to go, but was told, to his great grief and indignation, that he would have to wait and grow, as he was only twelve years old, and not about three feet two. The wife and mother had as big a heart as any body, and there can be no question but that her heart gave a sharp twang when "Old John" and the boys left her; but she, nevertheless, declaring that she would have gone herself if they hadn't, they might go, and God-speed to them, there was no help for it; and as for her, she had not a doubt whatever but that it was decreed from the foundation of the world that she should be left to carry on her business, which was sewing and shoemaking, according to the season, all alone, if worst came to worst—she was sure of that.

So half the Riley family went from the log house to the war, and half stayed at home. Susan took care of what little there was indoors, and that, moreover, according to her statement, "took care of all out-doors," with Susan's help, whenever she was off duty, and with Sedgewick's always. Little Bess was unanimously voted good for nothing yet, but to keep bread and cheese from moulding. Mrs. Riley plowed the glebe with the old one-horse plow, and picked up Mrs. Riley planted it with corn and potatoes, with Sedgewick to drop them for her; and, when hogging time came, she and Susan held it, while Sedgewick did the best he could at pulling weeds, and Bess an active and noiseless about, picking up angle worms and treading on the hills.

The season wore round thus, and still the indefatigable industry of Mrs. Riley kept appearances very much as they were. The cow had several windows, perhaps, not left by the carpenter, and the cow herself showed a hideous hair that pointed several ways; but appearances were, if the truth was known, not so much against Mrs. Riley's management after all. Said cow and cowshed had never been kept in a state of perfect repair. The hens and turkeys were always scolding about, and of course they looked as well as they could. The old horse, habitually light in flesh, may have betrayed his ribs a trifle plain, and possibly the pig was shaving less fat; but let nothing be said about trifles where the only wonder is that the woman, left by her husband and three children, should keep her family together at all, and much more, cultivate her farm. When conscription goes thro' our towns and cities, sweeping every able-bodied man away, we shall then see how many women there are like her.

When customers came and left work before they knew it, and John was gone, she continued to do it, and did it so well that they kept on bringing in the goods, and had all she could do with her hobbling and farming together, you may be sure. Meanwhile she was kept informed tolerably well of the movements of her husband and boys, for though all of them were but indifferent writers, she depended on Susan to decipher the letters, and the good woman had all she could do with her hobbling and farming together, you may be sure.

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