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A BATTLE FIELD.—The grouping of falling men and horses; the many heaped up masses of dead moved strangely by the living maimed among them, adding the points where the deadly strife had been the most severe; the commingling of soldiers of friends and foes, as both lie scattered on the ground on which they fell; the groups surrounding this and that individual sufferer, hearing his last word, giving to him the last drops of water which will ever moisten his lips upon earth; the stretchers borne from various points, each carrying some officer or private soldier, who now has, the startling feeling forced upon him, 'it has come to this, and yet there may be hope of life;' his excited shot, overworn spirit, half fainting as it is, yet dreaming a mixed feverish dream of the charge in which he met his wound, and the thought of home that flashed upon the heart as it seemed to commit that heart to a moment's oblivion of all else:—Then comes the first dawn of the hope that life may be spared; the view of horrid objects passed, seen with a dimmed eye; hope of life growing stronger, but with it now the dread of some operation to be undergone, the sound of guns still heard, begetting a feverish impatient desire to know the result of the battle. Again, a partial waking up at the voice of the surgeon; he and his attendants seen as through a mist; the deafened feelings of utter weakness causing all to seem as though they spoke in whispers; the still further rousing of the mind as the cordial administered begins to take effect, the voice of a comrade friend lying close by, himself wounded, yet speaking to cheer, the operation borne bravely, and felt the less, as it gave promise of a life just now seemingly lost to hope; through it all fresh news ever arriving from amidst the din of the strife still raging; all this has a lifly and motion and spirit in it which mocks the real grave horror of the scene —*Rev. S. G. Osborne.*

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