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ing party-there were half a doken of ve
under a corporal-w with a Mew to
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 ne empty stomach, than that of the
rose or the violect ibe odor of bolling
coffee. Without an order from the corporal. without a word to each other
we turned in at the gate and rode
atraight for the houes. Brenkfaat wan belng placed on the
table as we entered, and we were made table as we entered, and wo were made
welcomee to partake of it The family
consisted of a widow andber chlidren. the oldent a girl of 14, with big black
eyee, a mensitive mouth, \& trim ilttle
figure, straight as an arrow ond jet
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est; or perhaps I showed my admination
for her In my menen; se any rate we
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minute when a gun boomed from an
and -minence near by, and a shell wen to bis feet and left the room. As I wa
rushing from the house I felca hand on
mine mine and a chicken-leg toruat into my
palm. Turning I faced the black eyed
giri. Sbe had given me what was of far
more value to $A$ hungry soldier than more value to a hungry soldier tha
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