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FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN MAINTAINING THE HOME  
THROUGH LONG MONTHS OF SUSPENSE, WHILE HER  
HUSBAND AND FOUR BROTHERS  
SERVED IN FRANCE;  
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO MY  
WIFE



"HOW ARE YOU, SANITARY?"

Down the picket-guarded lane  
Rolled the comfort-laden wain,  
Cheered by shouts that shook the plain,  
Soldier-like and merry;  
Phrases such as camps may teach,  
Saber-cuts of Saxon speech,  
Such as "Bully!" "Them's the peach!"  
"Wade in, Sanitary!"

Right and left the caissons drew  
As the car went lumbering through,  
Quick succeeding in review  
Squadrons military;  
Sunburnt men with beards like frieze,  
Smooth-faced boys, and cries like these:  
"U. S. San. Com." "That's the cheese!"  
"Pass in, Sanitary!"

In such cheer it struggled on  
Till the battle front was won;  
Then the car, its journey done,  
Lo! was stationary;  
And where bullets whistling fly  
Came the sadder, fainter cry:  
"Help us, brothers, ere we die!—  
Save us, Sanitary!"

Such the work. The phantom flies,  
Wrapped in battle-clouds that rise;  
But the brave—whose dying eyes,  
Veiled and visionary,  
See the jasper gates swung wide,  
See the parted throng outside—  
Hears the voice to those who ride:  
"Pass in, Sanitary!"

BRET HARTE.



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