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THE MEMORY OF MY BROTHER,  
EDWARD STEPHENS McCARTHY,  
CAPTAIN FIRST COMPANY RICHMOND HOWITZERS;  
WHO FELL AT COLD HARBOR,  
*June 4, 1863,*  
A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

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CHAPTER I.

A VOICE FROM THE RANKS. — INTRODUCTORY.

WE are familiar with the names and deeds of the "generals," from the commander-in-chief down to the almost innumerable brigadiers, and we are all more or less ignorant of the habits and characteristics of the individuals who composed the rank and file of the "grand armies" of 1861-65.

As time rolls on, the historian, condensing matters, mentions "the men" by brigades, divisions, and corps. But here let us look at the individual soldier separated from the huge masses of men composing the armies, and doing his own work and duty.

The fame of Lee and Jackson, world-wide, and as the years increase ever brighter, is but condensed and personified admiration of the