A PRIVATE SOLDIER.

HIS LIFE IS NOT BY ANY MEANS ALL TOGETHER UNHAPPY.

He Is Generally Well Fed, Clothed, Housed and Has Plenty of Good Company—The Man a Year Ago of Fifteen Men of Them Have Money and Re-enlisted.

Such a man is enlisted a great many possible characters are enlisted in the army, the main part of the enlisted men are not the sort of men as one would wish to be associated. The theatrical and the gambler are more numerous, even if less in evidence, than in civil life. Uncle Sam is given every one who wishes to enlist no questions to be asked, a certificate of good character from his last employer, and, in nearly the overwhelming majority when they first let he has no evil habits. This rule has been in force only a few years and the results improved the character of the enlisted and supplied the number of deserters from the ranks.

To avoid a false theory for the average man there is generally supposed. Where the recruit gives dollars and cents, he gets a comfortable home that it is thirteen times a month over and above all expenses for food, clothes, lodging, hospital attendance and medicine. The clothing alone is so large, that every man is taking some of it home if it is necessary to the use he does not, the difference, in fact, is quite a very considerable item of pay.

Whenever the enlisted man considers he realizes an increase of pay, and he has the opportunity of laboring through efficiency a commissioned officer, with a still greater amount of pay. Whenever he is a soldier and has or gets a fairly good character he is allowed every high money order he wishes to purchase, without charge, and receiving a commissioned officer.

THE SOLDIER'S HOME.

The army is not the enlisted man's home, as it is his employer and a bank. The government permits him to draw interest on any sum of money in his deposit, and he can make safe investments. If he is injured or sent up through sickness he is given instant back to health or pensioned for life. If he grows old in the service he is entitled to a pension just as any other is. And after all, the work of a soldier is not very hard. That it is not a disagreeable one is attested by the fact that a great majority of the enlisted men, and necessarily the best of them, re-enlist and permanently spend their whole lives in the army.

The temperance and comfort of the soldier should certainly be a matter of pride to the citizens of the country to which he may be proud. The company is a family, and every man is considered as a brother. The average soldier is a child from his very boyhood. He must eat, sleep and work as a member of a family, and he is not left to shift for himself. He is given food and clothes and shelter, and he is not left to shift for himself. He is given food and clothes and shelter, and he is not left to shift for himself. He is given food and clothes and shelter