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Forgotten Books, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Iconoclastic Memories of the Civil War: Bits of Autobiography We were regarded by the others with profound respect as old soldiers. (our ages, if equal ized, would, I fancy, have given about twenty years to each man.) We gave ourselves. This aristocracy of service, no end of military airs; some of us even going-to the extreme of keep ing our jackets buttoned and our hair combed. We had been in action, too; had shot off a Confederate leg at Philippi, the first battle of the war, and had lost as many as a dozen men at Laurel Hill and Carrick s Ford, whither the enemy had fled in trying, Heaven knows why, to get away from us. We now brought to the task of subduing the Rebellion a patriotism Which never for a moment doubted that a rebel was a fiend accursed of God and the angels one for whose extirpation by force and arms each youth of us considered himself specially raised up. It was a strange country. Nine in ten of us had never seen a mountain, nor a...



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