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(8). TITLE.:- TWENTY-THOUSAND HORSE AND FOOT.

Picture.:- As you pass through the roads and lanes of Hampshire in these days, you are liable to --

--get many reminders of the times you would rather not remember. In this instance you would have run into a column of troops over three miles in length.

It is a gigantic test of mobility. They come from North, South,--

--East and West - all "travelling light", just to see how little they can manage with.

Altogether, over twenty-thousand men and horses are taking part.

You will have noticed the absence of mechanical transport. Well, anyway, the speed of an --

--army must be the speed of its slowest unit. So it follows --

--that marching-pace is the general rate of movement of a big body of troops. Of course they have the --

--field kitchens with them, for, as Napoleon said, "an army marches on its stomach", although --

--feet are pretty useful to march on, too ! When the great column --

--halts for the night, the animals are given first attention. They're "almost human", in that they --

--"don't-mind-if-they-do" when they are offered a drink - even as you and I !

By the shores of Frensham Great Pond, they bivouac for the night. There is just --

--a slight improvement in the summer weather, so it won't be so bad. I don't think I'd better tell you what Tommy Atkins thinks of the weather !

AND SO, FOR THE PRESENT, WE LEAVE YOU.