

HARPER'S WEEKLY.

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WHAT WE TOOK AT VICKSBURG.

The papers publish in full the official dispatch of Admiral Porter, recounting the fall of Vicksburg. While admitting that the army under General Grant had the heaviest work to do, he claims a full participation in the victory for the gun-boats. The extent of the siege operations may be gathered from the fact, which he states, that the mortars fired seven thousand mortar shells, and the gun-boats four thousand five hundred. Four thousand five hundred shots were fired from naval guns on shore, and over six thousand were supplied to the different army corps. We have taken over twenty-seven thousand prisoners, besides about four thousand non-combatants, one hundred and two field-pieces, thirty siege guns, fifty thousand stand of arms, ammunition, locomotives, cars, a few stores, and fifty-seven stand of colors. Two thousand five hundred rebels have been killed within the works since the siege began. Among the prisoners are Lieutenant-General Pemberton, Major Generals S. Stevenson, Smith, Forney, and Bowen; fourteen Brigadier Generals, and about one hundred and thirty Colonels. There were five thousand six hundred men in the hospital, half of whom are wounded. The stock of provisions was almost exhausted, and for days numbers had been eating mule flesh. Of ammunition for heavy guns they had a fair supply; but for field-guns and musketry they were short.