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all of them. Most of these persons have hurt *themselves* on purpose to avoid being soldiers. It was very wicked of them to do themselves such harm; but it is a proof how much they dreaded becoming soldiers.

And how are those men treated who are considered fit to be soldiers? A traveller gives this account of one set of recruits. Three hundred men were brought out of prison, tied in pairs, and driven with sticks to the banks of the river. Boats were waiting there to convey them up the river to the capital city. The men were silent and submissive. Not so their wives. They followed, tearing their hair, and uttering loud shrieks, mingled with curses upon the pasha; and when they saw their husbands stepping into the boats, they rushed forward to bid them a last farewell.

There were some wives who *would* not be left behind, but, with their babes on their shoulders, walked along the banks of the river, trying to keep up with the boats. Many of them died on the way from hunger and fatigue. Those who reached the camp, built small mud huts near it, but they had scarcely enough to keep them from starving, for they had nothing to eat but what their husbands could spare out of their daily portions of food; as the soldiers