

Thomas M. Murfree, of Troy, Alabama, was the most conspicuous as a veteran private at Houston. He moved about with an elastic, boyish step in the Confederate gray coat that appears in his picture. He is a native Tennessean, but his family moved to Alabama in 1845, when he was two years old. Murfree enlisted in the Independent Rifles in 1861, which was a part of the Sixth Alabama Regiment, to the command of which General John B. Gordon was elected in the reorganization at Yorktown, Virginia. Comrade Murfree was not absent from his command, except on detached duty, until his transfer to the Tennessee army in 1863.

THOMAS M. MURFREE.



his feelings, crying like a child; and, to make the tableaux complete, all the grizzly old "Confeds"—a parlor full of them—surrounded "Old Gotch" and Miss Lydia. As one of them expressed it, "Did you ever see such a gang of blubbering old fools as we are?"