

South Mountain Antietam Fredrick
-sburg in front" All honor to Burnside
9th Army Corps.

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4 } & as we rise we are rising the road
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6 } one of the mountains No. 8
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8 } two hundred feet below the track
9 } & we have turned the base & are going
10 } right up hill as steep as the rise in
11 } Mrs. Bartlett's field from South to North
12 } We keep rising till we arrive at No. 5,
13 } the huge engines pouring out the
14 } smoke as though it was hard work
15 } here we are suddenly in the midst
16 } of pitch darkness for five minutes
17 } are in the bowels of the earth The
18 } Tunnel is half a mile in length &
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