The Three Months Volunteer at Home

This cartoon, clipped from *Harper's Weekly*, depicts a family scene. At right, a bearded man in military uniform sits down in an armchair and regards his children. His hat is on his knee and his knapsack and rifle are on the ground beside him. At left, a young boy, Bubby, holds a boot jack, wordlessly offering to help his father remove his boots; a young girl, the man's daughter, stands behind Bubby. Behind them, their mother stands at a table, pouring tea into cups. The father tells his son he won't take his boots off because he only has time to drink a cup of tea before returning to the military. The title "The Three Months Volunteer at Home" likely references the fact that militia volunteers could not legally be compelled to serve for more than three months out of the year.

**INSCRIPTION:**

THE THREE MONTHS VOLUNTEER AT HOME.
(BUBBY presenting Boot-jack.)
"No, BUBBY, take that away. I won't pull off my Boots; but jest have a cup of tea and be off again!"
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