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ASHBY'S light went out forever just as "Jeb" Stuart's dazzled all the land with its brilliancy. On June 6, 1862, the dashing Murat, of the Shenandoah valley, tumbled from his saddle a dead thing, and six days later the trumpet note that sounded "Boots and Saddles" for Stuart's romantic ride around the Army of the Potomac on the peninsula heralded a new king. These two typical sons of chivalry—chivalry that was no myth—were fated rivals at one stage of the war. Both had taken active part in that tragic preliminary of the conflict, the Harper's Ferry episode of 1859—Stuart as an officer of the United States army and Ashby as captain of a company of volunteer cavalry.

At that time subsequent events in the lives of each were molded. Another volunteer commander of Virginia vigilantes at Harper's Ferry was Maj. Thomas N. Jackson (Stonewall), leading a corps of cadets from the military institute at Lexington. During a campaign of several weeks, guarding the Potomac river against further abolition raids, Jackson and Ashby became warm friends. Jackson, as a trained military man, saw in Ashby, the saddle sportsman of the Blue Ridge hills, a born soldier with hero blood in his veins. Gen. Ashby's grandfather, Capt. Jack Ashby, was Washington's lightning messenger to announce Braddock's defeat to the government at Williamsburg, and Capt. Jack's son, Col. Turner Ashby, father of the general, was a soldier of the war of 1812.

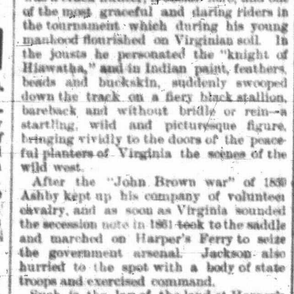
Young Turner Ashby won local fame in the sports and pastimes of his day. He was a crack hunter, a social hero, and one of the most graceful and daring riders in the tournament which during his young manhood flourished on Virginian soil. In the jousts he personated the "knight of Hiawatha," and in Indian paint, feathers, beads and buckskin, suddenly swooped down the track on a fiery black stallion, bareback and without bridle or rein—a startling, wild and picturesque figure, bringing vividly to the doors of the peaceful planters of Virginia the scenes of the wild west.

After the "John Brown war" of 1859 Ashby kept up his company of volunteer cavalry, and as soon as Virginia sounded the secession note in 1861 took to the saddle and marched on Harper's Ferry to seize the government arsenal. Jackson also hurried to the spot with a body of state troops and exercised command.

Such is the lay of the land at Harper's Ferry that the post can only be defended on the Maryland side by a force on Maryland Heights, and Jackson sent Ashby with his company to picket those hills. While on this duty Ashby had a chance to serve his cause a turn that an army could not have excelled. During the first Bull Run campaign, while the Union army was marching from Washington on Manassas, another Union army under Gen. Patterson moved down Cumberland valley to the upper Potomac to threaten the Shenandoah.

While Jackson and Ashby were at Harper's Ferry, as above stated, Patterson was gathering his army around Chambersburg, Pa. In order to learn Patterson's strength and plans Ashby made a spy trip to his camp. Disguised as an humble countryman he passed himself off as a horse doctor and completely deceived the Union pickets and scouts along the route. His information put the southerners on their guard in the Shenandoah, and Patterson's army was checkmated at every step, a fact that contributed to the Bull Run disaster.

Meanwhile Jackson was superseded for a time by Gen. Joe Johnston as Confederate leader in the valley, and Johnston called Col. "Jeb" Stuart to the front as chief of cavalry in that section. Stuart was younger than Ashby, but he had been in the old army with Joe Johnston and Robert E. Lee, and enjoyed their favor. Ashby was on the point of quitting the service when Jackson interfered and got him detached to another field beyond Stuart's bailiwick. When Johnston made his celebrated march to Bull Run field Stuart followed him, and Ashby's star arose again. Bull Run made Jackson famous as "Stonewall," and with a major general's commission he returned to the Shenandoah in command of the district, and Ashby resumed his old place as chief of cavalry. Ashby had not been idle in the interim, but as lieutenant colonel of the Seventh Virginia cavalry had thrilled the hearts of his neighbors with numerous exploits. The young men of the region proclaimed him as the leader of their choice by flocking to his standard.



SCOUTING IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Jackson began a sharp campaign in the extreme winter weather of December and January. Ashby's cavalry bearing the brunt, making forced marches in snow so deep that the horses had to be led, and striking right and left until their enemy was driven across to Maryland, the railway and canal west of Hancock, Md., being cut and closed against Union traffic.

The campaign of 1862 opened at Winchester in March, when Banks' army began its historic "advance and retreat" in the Shenandoah. Ashby took two companies of his own regiment and skirmished with Banks' advance until it entered the town. His passion for seeing what was taking place within the enemy's lines led him to linger behind when his troovers fell back, and on attempting to regain his command he found his way blocked by two men, and a large hostile force on either flank pushing far in advance of him. He rode quietly up to within a few paces of the men, then put spurs and dashed on them at a gallop shooting one and dragging the other along by main force to the Confederate lines.

This kind of personal daring had a charm for the actors in the early scenes of the war. It was such recklessness of danger that made Ellsworth a hero, immortalized young Winthrop at Big Bethel, crowned the name of Lyon with laurels in the west and made Phil Kearny the idolized war god of the hour. Such deeds—and there were scores of them during Ashby's short career, could lie possibly have survived the perils—would in time have placed him beside Forrest and Custer as a leader of daring attacks.

Stonewall's methods, however, called for other qualities in a cavalry commander, and in carrying out his chieftain's policy to "always mystify, mislead and surprise the enemy," Ashby was as cunning as he was reckless at other times. In Jackson's one disastrous battle, Kernstown, March 23, 1862, Ashby played a masterly game. All day on the 23d he skirmished with his enemy, Shields, drawing him farther and farther from his supports. On the 23d Jackson had his infantry on the field and the battle opened. Ashby was stationed in front of the Union right wing with a meager force of cavalry, four infantry companies and one battery. Jackson led the main body of his infantry against the Union right and was bloodily repulsed. Ashby held his own and covered Jackson's retreat.

Soon after the Kernstown fight Jackson learned that an army under Fremont was moving on his rear from West Virginia with the purpose of entrapping him between two foes—one from the lower and one from the upper end of the valley. As he was not strong enough to cope with both, he resolved to disappear with part of his troops, go around Fremont's column and head it off, then turn against Banks, who was on the other front. Ashby took the task of keeping up a clatter in the old lines facing Banks while Jackson was away, and succeeded to perfection. Jackson fought Fremont's advance at McDowell on May 8, Banks meanwhile actually retreating before Stonewall's shadow, which Ashby caused to hang over the valley.

With Fremont disposed of for a time, Jackson turned again to Banks. The whole force marched down the valley toward Strasburg where Banks lay behind fortifications, and Ashby passed the Union outposts, feigning attack. Then with a sudden dash he appeared miles away on the Union left and rear between Front Royal and Strasburg. His instructions were to cut the telegraph and railroad so as to isolate Banks' army, but in carrying out these orders he met opposition from several companies of infantry guard posted along the track. Although his enemy was sheltered by buildings, fences and the high railroad embankment, Ashby attacked in saddle, and was at first successful. He burned the Buckton railway station, destroyed the wires and tore up rails, and then turned upon the guards who had concentrated across his pathway to the Union rear. Hoping to stampede his opponents, Ashby

A RECKLESS CHARGE AT BUCKTON STATION.

called upon his men to follow and rode over fences and ditches up the embankment, relying upon saber and pistol to cope with rifle and bayonet. Three times the charge was repeated, and two of Ashby's captains fell by his side before he gave up the contest.

The remainder of the campaign so disastrous to Banks, was an inglorious one for Ashby's cavalry. For some reason the men, with few exceptions, fought on their own hook and but a handful rallied around their leader to follow up and harass Banks' retreating column.

When, in turn, Jackson made his retreat up the valley a few days later to anticipate Fremont's column that was threatening the rear, while Gen. Shields pressed the Confederate front, Ashby made a skillful defense with the rear guard. One day a Union battery advanced close enough to stampede the cavalry and infantry of the guard with a volley of well aimed shells. This stroke was followed up by a charge of Union cavalry, which Ashby repulsed by personally leading a small ambush party made up of stragglers that hovered in the wake of the column.

In an affair of this kind Ashby ended his career at Harrisonburg, June 6. Fremont's advance, under Gen. George D. Bayard, was pressing Ashby's guard closely, and the leading detachment was successfully ambushed and its leader, Col. Percy Wyndham, captured. Col. Kane's Pennsylvania Bucktails were behind Wyndham, and Ashby laid another ambush for them, and with two infantry regiments attempted to strike the Union column in the flank.

Kane's men, however, delivered the first fire, and Ashby, who bravely rode at the head of his men, was shot down almost instantly. So it was with him as with his chieftain, Stonewall; with "Jeb" Stuart also, and with our own Kearny, and with the ill starred Bayard himself a few months later. Death came not in the ideal way of some grand hurricane of battle, but in a trivial collision that counted for nothing in the final result. Had Ashby lived it is quite probable that the Shenandoah valley would have become the theater of exploits as startling as those which in the west made Forrest renowned as the greatest volunteer general of his time.

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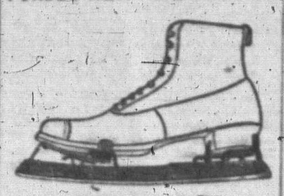

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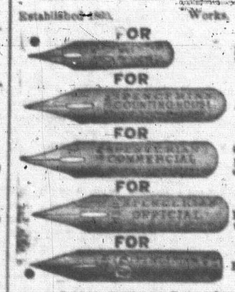

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Geoffrey Hawley Chapman is the son of George M. Chapman, a retired and wealthy real estate dealer, and Louisa Whyte. Young Chapman was very handsome, and after a liberal education he adopted the stage as a profession, and the American drama has possibly never had an exponent who, beginning unknown and comparatively without influence, has risen so rapidly as he. But simultaneously with his success he entered upon a mad career of drink. This naturally displeased his practical, plodding father, and one day, after a quarrel more bitter than usual, he threatened to disinherit his son. Geoffrey is said to have retorted, his face livid with rage, "I hope every one who inherits a cent of your money will be cursed." In the light of subsequent events these words seem to have been almost prophetic.

When the elder Chapman died it was found that the legatees under his will were his widow and Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hawley Chapman. Two of these, Mrs. George Chapman and her son Geoffrey, have been insane for some time, while the remaining one of the beneficiaries, Mrs. Chapman, Jr., is now convalescing after six weeks' struggle with death and with two bullets in her body, fired by the male nurse, Herbert Searvant, who had been hired to care for her insane husband. The ex-nurse has made the curse additionally applicable to Mrs. Chapman by innuendo against her fair name.

Searvant has been indicted for his crime, and his trial will probably develop the true facts of the shooting, but the circumstances under which the younger Chapman was married are worthy of note. He was at the time a member of Minnie Madden's company. There he met Cora Rapp, a comparative stage novice, who had been generally known in Cincinnati as a choir singer and afterward as "the pretty cigar girl" of one of the hotel stands. Her greatest beauty lay in her eyes and hair. Her eyes were of a deep, unusual brown,

MRS. CORA CHAPMAN.

and of a lustrous languor which made her whole face beautiful, lighted up as it was by a wealth of copper colored hair, so often heard of and so seldom seen. She was what is known as "stunning" in appearance, and it was not strange that she attracted the attention of Geoffrey Chapman when she had won the admiration of almost every one who had ever seen her.

Chapman and she soon fell deeply in love with each other, and he sought out his father and asked his consent to his marriage with Miss Rapp. The old gentleman not only gave it, but made the marriage a condition precedent to his leaving his son any money. The wedding occurred, and the beautiful bride completely won the heart of her aged father-in-law, and when he died a few months later it was found that he had been as good as his word, for he had left a life interest in his estate of a half million dollars as he had promised. The annual income was about $25,000. Of this one-half went to his widow, while the remainder was to be divided equally between the young couple. The estate itself was to go eventually to their children, if they should have any. As they have had none, and as Geoffrey Chapman, and his mother are both said to be hopelessly insane, the question of the final disposition of this vast property is puzzling the lawyers.

Once more is verified the correctness of the old adage that "truth is stranger than fiction." The curse of a man temporarily insane from drink and anger has been fulfilled. Old George Chapman's money seems to have brought only misfortune to all who have received it, and "the end is not yet."

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