WAR STORIES.

Gen. N. B. Forrest's Daring Successes.

Lost Cause.

Irish stock.

liam Forrest, his father, died when was not made. man, like Aurelia, the great mother of composed of North Mississippi and Caesar, possessed a strong character, West Tennessee. He was only given and ruled her family, including young his old regiment as a nucleus for his Bedford, with an iron hand, but withal new command, and at once proceeded

achieved a competency for his moth- pered by the orders of others, began. er's family, and set out for Texas, At once, December 5, 1863, he swinging wretch down, dragged him to army in the world. the jail near by, fighting off the mob | Forrest's successes now followed

Governor Harris, of Tennessee, to raise 21st, they were rapidly driven back a regiment, which he quickly accom- past Oklahoma and finally routed at plished, going to Louisville in dis- Prairie Mound, February 22d, and guise to purchase and bring out the driven back pell mell to Memphis. Soon after he won distinction by taked. When the garrison was surren- tified post of Fort Pillow, April 12th, dered by its commanders he refused to with 500 prisoners. After this he yield, and, in disobedience of orders, again retired into North Mississippi. brought his regiment through the Federal lines intact and escaped.

risoned by a larger force than his own, any command in the whole war. and captured the place after a severe fight. taking 1,765 prisoners, includcommand of new troops there.

ro Rome, Ga.

Nathan Bedford Forrest was born infantry, and thus added to his reat Chapel Hill, in what is now Mar- nown. When the Federal army reshall County, Tenn., July 18, 1821. treated from the field Forrest followed His paternal ancestors were of Eng- them to within half a mile of Chattalish descent, his grandmother being of nooga, all the time urging his supe-Irish origin and his mother of Scotch- riors to make an attack on the retreating Federals, which, he believed. His boyhood was uneventful. Wil- would complete their ruin, but which

young Bedford was only 16 years old, A few days later Forrest went on a leaving him at the head of the family, successful expedition into east Tenwhich, besides his mother, consisted nessee about London. Soon after he of six brothers and three sisters. The was, by Gen. Bragg, deprived of his family, having moved to Tippah command, except one brigade, and re-County, Miss., were very poor when signed his commission, but was inthe father died, and the support of duced by President Davis, then with the group fell on the oldest son, as the army, to reconsider his action and sisted by his mother. This noble wo- take command of affairs in a district to North Mississippi. Here his great-By his 20th year young Forrest had est career as a cavalry leader, unham-

which was then engaged in a struggle threw his small command of about 500 with Mexico for liberty. He did not men into West Tennessee with a view succeed, however, in thus early grati- of recruiting the abundant war matefying his passion for war, and, re- rial in that quarter. This he accomturning to the States, engaged in busi- plished safely after many adventures, ness at Hernando, Miss., and then at reaching Panola. Miss., on his return, Memphis, Tenn., with great success. January 1, 1864, with 3,000 recruits While thus engaged at Memphis he -hardy, young Tennesseeans-and a was elected as alderman for the city. large train of supplies, with several Soon after, at the instance of the hundred head of beef cattle, hogs, mayor, he rescued a murderer from a etc., and running the gauntlet of more mob of several thousand enraged citi- than 10,000 Federal troops. His suczens, who were endeavoring to lynch cess brought with it a commission as him. In this exploit Forrest, alone, major-general and material from which and armed only with a knife, pushed to construct a new and splendid cavthrough the crowd and, cutting the alry command, never excelled by any

with his knife. People at once re- each other with a rapidity which cognized what manner of man he was caught not only the attention of the and what overwhelming will power he two warring nations, but the whole possessed. Forrest then again re- civilized world. In February Gen. sorted to planting, and in 1860 made William Socey Smith, with about on his plantation 1,000 bales of cotton. S,000 cavalry, made a rapid movement The war having broken out, For- from Memphis to the prairie region of rest, early in the summer, having ar- eastern Mississippi, in order to destroy ranged his affairs, enlisted June 14, the immense supplies of grain stores 1861, as a private soldier in Company and incidentally to co-operate with D, Seventh Tennessee Cavalry, and he Gen. Sherman, moving from Jackson made a capital soldier, too. A few to Meridian. Encountering these months later he was authorized by troops north of West Point February

arms and equipments for the men, and March 15th he again crossed into becoming its licutenant-colonel. With West Tennessee with a considerable this new command he did some bril- force, capturing Jackson and Union liant fighting in Kentucky, and his City, and even reached the Ohio River, great career now began in carnest. attacking heavily the city of Paducah, March 25th. Remaining in West ing part in the battle of Fort Donel- Tennessee and recruiting Forrest atson, fighting for the most part mount- tacked and captured the strongly for-

In June the Federal Commander at Memphis again sent a great expedi-Forrest then rode to Nashville, tion into Northeastern Mississippi where he rescued vast stores which consisting of 8,700 men, of which had been abandoned and were being 5,400 were infantry, under Gen. S. D. looted by a mob. Going thence to Sturgis. Forrest encountered these Huntsville, Ala., he was there elected at Brice's Cross Roads, not far from colonel of his regiment. Soon after Tupelo, June 10, 1864, with only he again distinguished himself at the 3,400 men, and after a desperate batbattle of Shiloh, where he was dan- the utterly routed the whole comgerously wounded. After recovering mand, scattering them over the coun-Forrest was sent to Chattanooga, and try, and taking all their artillery and was placed in command of a brigade trains and placing hors du combat of 1,500 effective men. With this nearly a third of the whole command. force he moved on Murfreesboro, gar- Such annihilation had not overtook

In July a large force of 13,000 men, under Gen. A. J. Smith, set out from ing their commander, Gen. Critten- Memphis to avenge Sturgis. This den. By this exploit he earned his was encountered by Forrest and Gen. promotion to brigadier-general, his S. D. Lee, at Harrisburg, Miss., July commission dating from July 21, 14th, and a desperate battle followed. 1862. Forrest soon after moved with The Confederates were repulsed in Bragg's army to Kentucky, going as their attack on Smith's fortified posifar as Bardstown, whence he was tion, but the Federal commander at ordered back to Murfreesboro to take once abandoned his expedition, and rapidly retired to Memphis, followed In December, 1862, Forrest, with by Forrest, who harrassed his comhis new command, crossed the Ten- mand fiercely until over the Tallanessee River and overran west Ten- hatchie River. In August General nessee, capturing towns, garrisons, Smith, directed by Gen. Sherman, forts, destroying trestles, bridges and again moved into North Mississippi, trains, and bringing away safely im- this time in the direction of Oxford, mense stores. On this raid he fought with 14,000 men. Forrest, unable to heavy engagements at Lexington and check this great army, left Gen. Parker's Cross Roads, and captured Chalmers at Oxford to confront Smith, Col. Robert Ingersoll, the famous and, making a wide detour of eighty orator of later years. The spring of miles, fell upon Memphis August 21, 1863 was spent in various operations 1864, at daylight, with about 1,800 in middle Tennessee, culminating men, overrunning the city and carrying prison towards the close of our late March 5th in the capture, in connec- consternation throughout the whole tion with Gen. Van Dorn, of Col. Co- Federal command. The Federal comburne's force at Thompson's Station, mander, Gen. Washburne, was chased Tenn., of 2,200 men. His next ex- from his quarters in the city at early ploit was the pursuit and capture of dawn and fled undressed to the fort the column of Col. A. D. Straight, below town on the river, leaving the May 3d, numbering 1,700 men, after a family and papers in the hands of the rapid pursuit with a small force of Confederates. This caused Gen. about 500 men from Courtland, Ala., Hurlbut to remark, as narrated by On September 19 and 20, 1863, For- They removed me because I could not South Carolina was to be his home, his country. It is such as he, men

informed of his capture of the city Memphis. Forrest thus having effectually re-

lieved North Mississippi from Federal menaces, assumed the aggressive himself, and organized another expedition into middle Tennessee on Sherman's tember 24th, with surrounding block houses and 1,900 prisoners, and on September 25th captured the redoubt at Sulphur Trestle, with 825 prisoners and the guns. On the 27th he feinted on Pulaski, then moved toward Fayetteville and Tullahoma, turning With the artlessness and simplicity of thence he sent Buford back to the a child, and a childlike joyousness Tennessee River with his captures, and himself went over to the Nashville and Devatur railroad, about Spring Hill, in which vicinity he destroyed more block houses and trestles, and, turning southward, rejoined Buford at Florence, where he escaped safely across the Tennessee October 9th, though surrounded at the time by 12,000 Federal troops, who sought this expedition Forrest had captured pieces of artillery, 3,000 stands of small arms, and ten block houses, which he dismantled, besides bringing out 1,000 recruits. He also bad destroyed 100 miles of railroad.

Almost without pausing Forrest then, marshing around by way of the Tennessee River again in the were dead or living, and only a short and sometimes 190 kilogrammes. boats and transports. He then fell I do not remember. Loving son that from his sixteenth year by pulling upon Jacksonville, the Federal depot of supplies, shelling it from the west bank with such effect that several more boats were destroyed with stores on the bank valued at more than \$3,-000,000. The expedition, besides the supplier destroyed, captured and burned four gunboats, thirteen transports and twenty-four barges, "a feat dy. You know it is not allowed to ing the operation is admitted, but it is of arms," declares Gen. Sherman, 'which, I must confess, excited my admiration."

Gen. Forrest now repaired to Florence, Ala., where he joined Gen. Hood on his march to Nashville. He was placed in command of all the cavalry, about 5,600 men, and with these led the advance to Nashville, fighting numerous battles with the 7,000 Federal cavalry in front and brushing them out of the way of the army. He besieged Murfreesboro for eight days, looking up there a force double his own, and covered with the assistance of Gen. Walthall, and a few infantry, the retreat of Hood's beaten army to the Tennessee River, saving it from utter destruction. In this campaign he was fighting every day from November 20th to December 28th, in the bitterest of winter weather, his move ments embracing some of the grandest cavalry operation of modern times, a description of which, however, the limits of this article forbids. After the return from Tennessee he received his commission as lieutenant-general prison guard who stood around were of cavalry, dated February 28, 1865, and was soon after engaged in the final operations of the war, in combating Wilson's great cavalry raid through heroic than ever, much of it bloody, and hand to hand, but without avail from disparity of numbers. He surrendered finally at Gainesville, Ala., May 11, 1865.

Forrest was 40 years old when the war commenced. He was 6 feet 11 inches tall, and weighed 198 pounds. without surplus of flesh. He had broad shoulders, expansive chest, and a massive head. His countenance was eyes a steel gray, and exceedingly luminous when he was aroused. The man was grave and dignified, and would attract attention in any group. public speaking. His moral life was singularly clean, and his respect for woman extreme. His affection for faithful wife were among the brightest | cause I believed to be right." features of this strong man's life. In fine, Forrest was one of the most

remarkable men of modern times.

FRANK C. CASSIDY.

A Soldier in Prison, Who Sacrificed Filal Affection to his Sense of Honor.

For an introduction to my hero, I must take my readers to a Northern civil war. Among the Confederate

character, wit and humor characterisand then cut the telegraph lines. The tic of his race, and kind heart equally in peace than in war. It is said that latter commander at once abandoned so and his youth won for him the love his expedition and hurried back to and friendship of his comrades and it could be said with equal truth that made him a favorite with all. Indeed, it was not long before he was the pet of his company and his regiment. After following the Confederate flag for nearly four years, and always a brave and trusted soldier, he was made lines of supply. Moving rapidly and a prisoner, with others of his company crossing the Tennessee September and carried to the North and put in tion of some story writer. 21st, he captured Athens, Ala., Sep- prison. But in prison he was the same jolly, irrepressible Irishman that he was in camp and on the march.

Like Joseph in his Egyptian prison

he soon made friends of his fellow

prisoners, and the prison guard and

that was forever bubbling up he had

the colonel commanding the prison.

an "open sesame" that unlocked all hearts to him. He was the life of the prison as he had been of the camp. He was always stirring about among which Chinese dentists operate on the prisoners, and everyone had a their patients is contributed by a always had for them. One day the returned from Pekin. commandant of the prison came in and . They use, he says, neither pincers called for "Cassidy" who was very nor any other surgical instruments his destruction at the river. During quickly there. "Cassidy," he said, such as are used in Europe, employ-"I have some good news for you. ing instead their fingers for the puror disabled 3,500 Federal troops, eight Your father and mother have come on pose of extracting teeth. This diffifrom New York, and are at the prison cult operation they perform with a gate waiting to see you and take you dexterity and skill that might well come to his uncle in South Carolina, the thumb and index finger and is and in all that time had never seen then pulled out, the force necessary Jackson in West Tennessee, reached them, nor did he know whether they for such work equivalent to 100, 150 vicinity of Paris, and blockading it time before that had written to them The Chinaman who decides to bewith artillery, captured several gun- that he was alive and a prisoner, where come a dentist practices this feat he was there could have been no more out from an ebony plank ivory pegs welcome news to him than that his of various sizes, which have been father and mother still lived, and were firmly fixed in it. In this way he acwaiting at the prison gate to carry him quires a surprising knack, so that it home to see his brothers and sisters if becomes easy for him to draw out a they still lived. "Oh, Colonel," he molar or a wisdom tooth without ever said, "I must go to my father and being obliged to make a second atmother." "That is with you, Cassi- tempt. That his patients suffer durprisoners to go to the prison gate to claimed that their pain is of very brief talk with anybody, not even to see duration. and talk with father and mother. If For the purpose of cleaning his payou'll take the oath of allegiance to tients' teeth the Chinese dentist uses the Union I'll carry you to them, and powder made from the bones of cuttle be next glad to you and to your father fish, which he applies by means of and mother." "Is taking the oath my small bamboo instruments. His cure only chance to see them?" "Your for toothache is a pill of opium and only chance. It is not with me to set some oil of mint, which is to be rubaside the strict orders under which I bed on the jaws. am aeting. If you are not willing to Of the art of filling teeth with gold take the cath I'll go and tell them and or any other metal he is profoundly they will go off without your seeing them." Here Cassidy broke down and wept aloud like a heart-broken child, saying: "Oh, my father and mother, must it be so that you are so near me, and have to go back without seeing your long absent son! What would be sweeter to my eyes and to my heart than to see my father and An awful struggle was going on in

his soul between love of father and mother on one side and what he felt to be his honor on the other side. Many deeply moved. It was a scene to touch the hardest heart, and to make eyes grow moist unused to weap. There were other tears shed besides Alabama. Here his work was more his own. "Take the oath, Frank," said one of his fellow prisoners, "for mother is more than country." "But not more than honor," said Frank. "Take the oath, Frank," said another, "for you have been a good soldier, and have fought and suffered long enough to quit the war now." "That's the very reason," said Frank, "that I have been a good soldier, that I should continue one. It doesn't belong to my blood nor to my race, to desert a stern and strong, the features singu- friend, or my country, in the day of larly handsome and intellectual, the their misfortune and when they most need me." Others said "Take the oath, Frank, for the war will soon be over, and then we'll have to take the oath and go home." "Yes," said His address was good, and his diction Frank, "and when it does end, let that clear and nowing when engaged in be soon or late, I want it to find me in this prison or filling a soldier's grave, or living an honored and honorable man, with the proud feeling that I his aged mother and devotion to his had done all that I could do for the

> The agony was over. His decision was made. Brushing the tears from his honest face, he said: "Colonel, go tell my father and nother that I can't see them now-that I can't take the oath." The colone! looked at him and said: "Cassidy, you are a noble fellow and may we live to see happier times," and straightway went to announce his decision to his father and mother, who were all this time waiting anxiously at the prison gate. It matters little on which side such a man fought. Whether his side was

prisoners there held was a young right or not, who can deny that he Irishman, whether an officer or not I was right, and that he was a hero and don't know, whose name was Frank C. unsurpassed by any of Greece or Cassidy. His name I must give, for Rome? When the flag under which it is worthy to live. He had left his he fought was furled to wave no more, parents in New York just before the still a hero with a brave and cheerful outbreak of the war to come and live heart, he began poor the struggle of with an uncle in Besufort district, as life to make an honest living and to Gen. Chalmers, "There it goes again. it was then called, South Carolina. help to build up the waste places of The September 13 and 20, 1805, Forton Se

plied, for heroes are needed even more "truth is stranger than fiction," and fiction is more interesting and takes a stronger hold on most people than "truth"-the reality-for which reason I fear that the true stories of my "Two Heroes," which I got in both cases from eye-witnesses, will be less interesting if they were the pure crea-

Over the grave of Frank Cassidy. in Barnwell County, there ought to be a monument raised, and on it inscribed: "Go, Colonel, tell my father and mother that I can't see them nowthat I can't take the oath."

JOHN G. WILLIAMS Allendale, S. C.

Chinese Dentists Pull Teeth with their Fingers.

A novel account of the manner in smile and good word for him as he German naval surgeon who has just

with them." He was wild with de- excite the envy of their American and light. It had been seven or eight European colleagues. The tooth years since he had left them, a boy to which is to be extracted is grasped by

ignorant, and whenever he has to deal with a decayed tooth which he cannot remove he satisfies himself by filling it with a paste made of ordinary pow-der.—St. Louis Republic.

A Son and \$100,000.

Senator Dolliver is quoted in Suc-

"Money making is the cheapest kind of success. It doesn't indicate the highest kind of development by any means. I will give you a simple of his fellow prisoners and some of the illustration: A friend of mine, a professional man of high mental attainments, had been offered a salary of \$10,000 a year by a corporation engaged in transportation. He was strongly tempted to take it, for he is working for the government at a salary of only \$5,000. He admitted to me, however, that he is capable of far greater usefulness in his present work than he would be in the employment of the railroad. Thereupon I strongly advised him to reject the larger offer, and he has done so."

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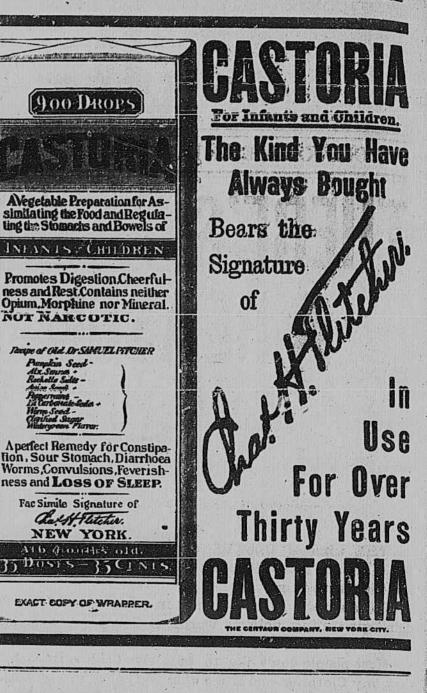


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