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ON HISTORIC FIELDS

THE SCENES OF THE FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS.

HOW THE BATTLE WAS WAGED AT THAT EVENTFUL DAY.

By Walter Edgar Harris in last Sunday's Times Dispatch, with Illustrations by Henry Jones.

More cows have been killed by the railroad system of Northern Virginia situated at the junction of the Southern Railway at Manassas...

On the 26th of August, 1862, Stonewall Jackson, moving from Orange to Charlottesville...



THE HENRY HOUSE

Manassas. Among the most striking reminders to a new generation of the great struggle between the States that I know of...

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THE STONE HOUSE

As a hospital for both armies in both the battles of Manassas. It is still occupied as a residence.

Two battles were fought at Manassas, one, practically the first war between the States, on August 31, 1861, and the other on the 30th of August, 1862.

checked by Stonewall Jackson on that Sunday in July, 1861. Mrs. Dogan saw this battle. Longstreet breakfasted there. Mrs. Dogan was an important witness in the Pitt John Porter trial...



THE FENCE BY WHICH JACKSON FOUGHT.

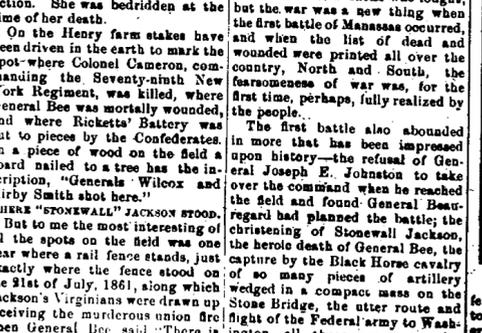
of cowardice. Certainly Pope did not know until late in the day that Longstreet and Jackson had united their forces.

Centerville has undergone scarcely any change since the war. Old breastworks surround the place on every side and the Four Chimney House, McDowell's headquarters at the first battle, and the house which was Pope's headquarters in the second battle are still standing.

There is a neglected looking burying ground at Groveton, where hundreds of Confederates who fell in the second battle are sleeping, as sweetly as though tons of marble marked their last resting place.

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WHERE COL. CAMERON WAS KILLED.

Mrs. Judith Henry, who owned and lived in it at the time of the first battle, and was killed by a shell bursting in the house early in the action. She was bedridden at the time of her death.

On the Henry farm stakes have been driven in the earth to mark the spot where Colonel Cameron, commanding the Seventy-ninth New York Regiment, was killed, where General Bee was mortally wounded, and where Ricketts' Battery was cut to pieces by the Confederates.

THE STONE BRIDGE. reminders of the bloody battles the visitor of to-day—these days fought on their farms around Manassas. Gun barrels, bayonets, but the other side of the earth, and the less caustic shells, grape-shot, belt war for the Union is history—as bayonets, are exposed as every plow-

smooth as a parade ground, and frequent elevations suggest locations for batteries of artillery. Strips of woodland should have been attractive to men who wished to escape flying shot and shell, and skirmishers after sharp-shooters should have found them good places for their work.

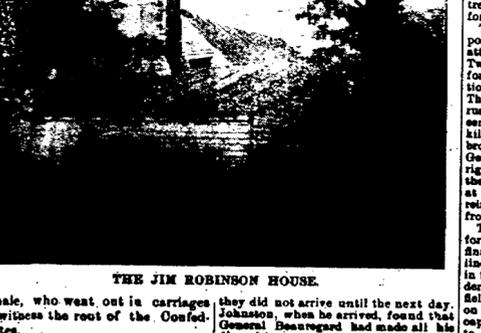
THE FIRST REAL FIGHT. The first battle of Manassas—the one generally termed Bull Run—was fought on the 31st of July, 1861, on the field which the North and the South received in 1862. It probably did the North more good than it did the South, for the reason that the North was humiliated, and made to realize that it had a most serious undertaking on its hands in quelling the "rebellion" while the South, although the Federal troops fought bravely in the battle, was led to underestimate the fighting qualities of the Northern soldier.

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his brigade up on the bank of the stream and began to fire across the stream. While he was thus engaged a force of Confederates crossed over, and hit Tyler's left flank so hard that the troops fled in a panic. McDowell spent the next two days in reconnoitering. He discovered that the ford at Sudley Spring was unguarded. This ford is to the North of the Warrenton turnpike, about a mile and a half distant. General Beauregard did not have any troops in the North of the road.

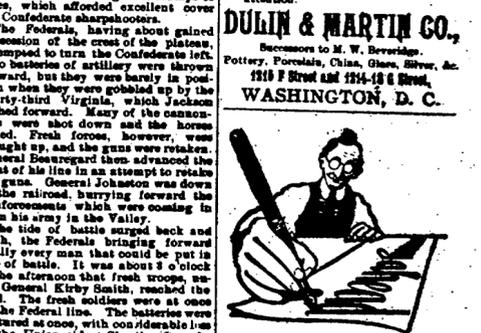
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