

DECEIVERS EVER.

AREY CHURCHILL CARTER CHANNING, first lieutenant, 11th cavalry, died so long ago that most of his story is forgotten, although it was a very great wonder at the time. Every body connected with it is dead also—his mother and the other two women—and so many first lieutenants have filled his place since then that no one's heart is likely to be broken by repeating it.

He was a superb great fellow—as all the men in his regiment were said to be in those days—of the big, blonde, and brave type, knowing neither fear nor failure, and his fascination was something that has become a tradition in the service. So many girls were won by him, that he was never loved by the shores upon which he had touched were strewn with wrecks.

The hearts of all those women had been broken, actually broken, not just denied a little, as is usually the case in such affairs; their lives were openly ruined, yet Channing kept himself free of blame. No one could say "he should not have done this or so," he never committed himself, he never acted in a compromising fashion in the presence of a third person.

It had been his good fortune to have dealings only with women who either thought of him alone, forgetting themselves, or with those too gentle to denounce him. Then, too, he had been engaged well, there never any definite proof. But in the early summer of '85, the pitcher that had been carried nine times to the well narrowly escaped being broken.

The bride of Capt. Morton, having seen fit, with due encouragement, to fall in love with him, was not to become unmanageable. She was a most wonderfully attractive feminine little thing, but she was neither of the self-mollifying nor of the concealing sort. Having lost her heart, she lost her head, and Channing was in much danger of having his mother exposed.

His captain advised him, "Channing, you'd better take a leave and get out for a bit." "Why?" "Well, it's a delicate subject, but Morton's an old friend of mine, and I don't want to see his wife disgrace him."

"But what have I done? I am as innocent as a baby; and besides, I think you are mistaken."

"We all exonerate you, it's not your fault; but I'm not mistaken. It's evident to the whole party, they may advise and no one will protect you. He married her—last night."

It was cruel, but Mrs. Channing had gone mad. For five years afterward Col. Ross cared for the insane mother of his daughter's husband—even when his daughter was dead.

Washington and Napoleon. Great soldiers are to be judged not alone by battles fought and victories won—though this, of course, is the great popular test—but by all the circumstances and difficulties in which they are placed. There are great commanders in history who have won fame by avoiding battles, like the Roman Fabius, and even by great retreats like Xenophon with his ten thousand Greeks.

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When England saw that the contest was fairly opened her great navy closed upon our ports and landed upon our shores different armies of her veteran soldiers, who had fought in the continental wars, and these were soon supported by trained Hessian soldiers, bred and paid by her gold. These armies were greater in numbers than we could have had to oppose to them. And still, as they had to be transported to land, and to cover so wide a field,

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



WASHINGTON

THE fame of Washington is so immense and so general, that the popular conception of his character so exalted, that some skeptical and fault-finding critics are disposed to question the universal estimate, and especially at Santa Mita two or three days ago I forgot when. He went for down. "That can't be true, because I am his wife."

So when this noble Virginian appeared before that northern army and drew his sword as their commander under those Cambridge clouds his fame had preceded him and he was received with shouts of welcome and of confidence. Then all men knew it was to be a struggle to the death. I have no room here, of course, to recount the particulars of that seven years' conflict.

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PLANETARY GOSSIP

WHAT THE STARS SAY OF THE EARTH'S INHABITANTS.

It is a Good Idea to Consult the Astrologer When About to Enter Into Marriage—Answers to Requests—Instructions for Applicants to Go By.

IF PEOPLE should consult an expert astrologer before falling in love, marriages would be more harmonious. The astrologer is often requested to compare the horoscopes of man and wife to find out the cause of the misadventures which are attending their married life.

According to data furnished the zodiac sign Virgo, which Mercury rules was rising at your birth, therefore Mercury is your ruling planet, or signifier. You are medium height or above; with slender figure; dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar brightness and quick restless movement.

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MGR. CAPEL

he British Embassy, the New Governor, Rich on a California Ranch.

Interest in the whereabouts and doings of Mgr. Capel has been manifest of late, particularly in the British Isles, where he was once a brilliant and conspicuous figure in high society.

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