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GENERAL ROSECRANS, COMMANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN VIRGINIA, AND HIS STAFF, AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS, CLARKSBURG, VA.

The initial passages of the Civil War were marred with much absurdity. One of the most foolish and hurtful features of the business was the sudden making and unmaking of great commanders. Ever and anon some officer who distinguished himself in the line of his duty was proclaimed as the coming hero. General McClellan himself was made and unmade in this way. To him was first applied the sobriquet, now much used of brilliant adventurers, namely, the Young Napoleon. General Rosecrans was in like manner quickly made great. The newspapers did it with story and picture. This illustration of a sketch, published at the time, shows General Rosecrans in his headquarters, surrounded with his staff, planning great things. No doubt he was a valiant officer, but the facts by no means justified the sudden fame that was thrust upon him. Afterward a foolish public avenged itself with corresponding injustice toward him.