



CAPTURE OF STUART'S CONFEDERATE GUNS, NEAR CULPEPPER, BY GENERAL CUSTER'S CAVALRY BRIGADE, SEPTEMBER 14, 1863.—FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.

One of the most interesting features of the Civil War, from a military point of view, was the extensive use made of cavalry in the ordinary operations of strategy; and there were developed on both sides large forces and distinguished commanders in this arm of the service, such as Wheeler and Stuart among the Southerners, and Sheridan, Kilpatrick and Custer among the Northerners. Stuart and Custer were constantly pitted against one another, in the Virginia campaigns, each displaying great valor and keen manœuvring. The engagement pictured above took place during Meade's operations against Lee, in Northern Virginia, in 1863, and Custer "got even" with Stuart for a previous defeat in which Custer's camp had been over-run by Stuart, and his personal baggage and papers captured—which were good-naturedly returned to him by the Southern cavalryman.