

fond embrace; battles too are fought, and bloody victories won, until the morn shall break again.

THRILLING SKETCHES.¹

Rough and Tumble.

During Banks' retreat from Winchester, on May 24, 1862, four companies of the Fifth New York Cavalry, under command of Captain Wheeler, were moving on the left flank of the retreating column, to protect it from any attacks from the Rebel cavalry. Emerging from a thick wood, Captain Hammond, who had the advance with four or five men, suddenly came upon a squad of mounted Rebels, and immediately called on them to surrender. However, they fled, closely pursued. Captain Hammond succeeded in approaching the hindmost, a large, powerful man, and again demanded a surrender. Both had their pistols drawn. Hammond fired, but missed his mark, owing to the fearful gait of his horse down a steep hill. The Rebel did the same thing. Hammond now found that the cylinder of his pistol would not revolve, and he attempted to deal a blow with it upon his antagonist's head, but, missing his mark again, the weapon fell from his hand.

Quick work was now necessary. Another spurring of his horse brought him within arm's length of the flying Rebel, whereupon he caught hold of his coat collar with both hands and dragged him backward from his saddle. Holding firmly his grasp, both horses went from under them, and they fell

¹ These details were not received in time to be embodied in their appropriate places in the Records.