"The knights are dust; heir swords are rust; Their souls are with the saints, we

Not all knights are dead, and while leve of country exists—so long as there is a will to dare and do, so long will be perpetuated a species of knight errantry. The later knights are not second editions of Don Quixote—he of the sorrowful countenance; they have their foibles, it is true, but their "Del Tobos" is not a scrub woman, albeit that the Goddess of Liberty seems for a time to have descended from her high pedestal. These knights are they who have combined love of country in the liams had saved his life.

When the City of Mexico was captured the Second Pennsylvania was detailed to take charge of the citadel. Capt. Williams being officer of the day improved the opportunity to raise the old Trenton flag—the flag which had cheered Washington's army at Trenton, and which had floated over Chepultepec. Just as the day was breaking its graceful folds were kissed by the morning's breeze, and Capt. Williams' self-imposed vow was fulfilled. have combined love of country in their hearts; "Old Glory" is to them more than a bit of bunting.

This leads me to write something anent the first American flag, kcown to historians and archaeologists as "the old Trenton flag," a flag presented to Gen, George Washington by Betsy Ann Ross; a flag which Pennsylvanians have honored and which has shed honor upon Pennsylvanians flag which has shed honor upon Pennsylvanians flag which was a strength of the control of the cont sylvanians; a flag which was a christening gift to the first Republic of the world, and which in later years waved over conquered citadels won by American valor in our first and only war of aggression.

In all times there are found men who fit and fill certain emergencies. Virgil sings "Arma Virum que cano Tragic." Here is a sketch of the life of the gallant Pennsylvanian who carried America's first flag to Mexico and planted it upon the battlements of conquered Chepultepee

It was during the idyllic days of September, 1895, that I became a guest at the hospitable home of Gen. Edward C. Williams, at Chap-man, Snyder county. The General from the maddening crowd—it is away from life's busy turmoil. The limpid waters of the Susquebanna almost lave his doors, and as they murmur gently on their course to the sca they sing a bullaby that is full of restfulness to the listener.

"Here, where all things are quiet— Here, where all trouble seems Dead, winds and spent waves riot— A doubtful dream of dreams."

The days, months and years' as they pass, mark the graceful finish of a life which has been devoted to and drill, drill and disc su the honor of the country the keynotes of successions. why

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its environment there is nothing to from entering the State at that In the home of Gen. Williams and suggest other than the realization of beneficent peace. The steam rail way places the residence of the veteran within an hour's time of the capital of the State. The placid deadly imminent breach." The inabundance of shade and fruit trees and shrubbery, from which come the gladsome trills, of feathered with grateful praises, voicing their fearlessness and abandon—every surrounding is that of a type which the lotus-eaters found in their wanderings, and which prompted them to say. "We will no longer roam."

The first American flag ever made was the handiwork of Betsy Ross, and was presented to Gen. George Washington by the maker, just previous to the battle of Trenton, and its authenticity has been known beyond a doubt. Benjamin or Richard Rush presented three flags to the State of Pennsylvania-the old Trenton flag, the Hessian (a blue flag) and an English flag, which were deposited in the State Library at Harrisburg, Capt. Williams and Major John Brady borrowed the Trenton flag from James Hoover, State Librarian, in order to decorate a ball room in the old school house on Walnut street, where the Dau phin Guards then had their armory. This flag was never returned to the State Librarian. Capt Williams was a number of the Dauphin Guards. In a measure he was custodian of America's most historic flag. He carred that fing with him to Mexico with the full determination, if he lived, to unfurl it over the ramparts of the City of Mexico. Capt. Williams carried that flag with him. It was wrapped about his body when with his gallant command he entered the citadel of Chepultepec—a fact with which Capt, Samuel Montguenery, of the regular army, was cognizant.

Upon capturing Gen. Bravo Capt. Williams compelled him to lead the way to the top of the castle, and then and there this gallant son of Pennsylvania flung to the battle-laden breeze the old Trenton flag. the first American fiag made, and fitly enough, the first flag to float proudly over the conquered strong-

The capture of Gen. Bravo was subsequently attributed to a lieutenant of a New York company and he was promoted to a commission in the regular army for a deed ac-

complished by Capt. Williams, and which Gen. Bravo acknowledged in express terms, a degree of intimacy afterward existed between the Mexican general and his captor—they banqueted together, and Gen. Bravo publicly proclaimed that Capt. Williams had saved his life.

When Capt. Williams returned from Mexico he brought with him this historic flag. It was eventually passed to the custodianship of Gov-ernor Curtin, was framed, and is now in the possession of theyernor now in the possession of Governor Curtin's family,

Upon Capt. Williams' return from Mexico he was, 1850, elected sheriff of Danphin county. He was an "Inlependent" nominee, and the triumph was the more appreciated because it was an expression of con-fidence from men of all parties.

When the late Civil War occurred Governor Cartin directed Gen. Williams (who had been commissioned Brigadier General of Militia), to organize Camp Curtin. And right here it must be noted that Gen. Williams attaches the honor of having been the first volunteer muster-ed into the service of the Govern-ment for the defence of the Union. The facts in the case are indisputable. Not the first volunteer from Dauphin county, or from Pennsyl vania, but the first in all the loyal man, Snyder county. The General is a hero of two wars, and a man whose escutcheon might proudly bear the legend: "Sans peur sans reproche." He could hardly have found a more fitting place in which to pass his declining years. It is far from the maddening crowd—it is away from his's busy turmoil. The limpid waters of the Susquehanna through the first in all the loyal States. After completing his services at Camp Curtin, he organized Camp Slifer, at Chambersburg. During the three months' service he commanded a brigade, serving with Patterson in the Shenandoah Valley, and was subsequently mustered out at Washington, D. C. He was then committed by President Lincoln, through Simon Cameron, Secretary through Simon Cameron, Secretary of War, colonel of the Lochiel Cavalry, and authorized to raise twentyfour companies for that branch of the service, a duty which he accom-plished in an incredibly short time. It was a difficult task to bandle three battalions of "eav vert undiscipling.

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Williams forces were no in 10 and wanting. Like their ommander late War of the debellion—these events in his life do not point to him as one who yielded to the soft Henderson when Bueil and Bragg phasings of the lute instead of do ing manly, soldierly duty upon the tented field and in the grim array of battle.

In the home of Gen. Williams and

With the close of the war came other duties and responsibilities to the subject of this sketch. Gan Williams was appointed U. S. Revebosom of the canal, which is so near, note Assessor, retaining the position seems typical of the present home until the office was abolished. It life of a man who well knows the meaning of the expression, "the deadly imminent breach." The in viting piazzas of the unpretentious and yet attractive residence; the abundance of shade and fruit trees Union. Col. Geary (afterwards Governor), Geu, Williams and Major John Brady were appointed com songsters whose throats seem filled missioners to superintend the erec tion of the monument on Capitel Hill to the memory of those who fell in the Mexican War. In this work the General took great interest, and to him fell the major part of the responsibility of superintendence— with him it was emphatically a labor of love—he asked for and received no compensation.

This hero of two wars; this volanteer soldier who planted America's first flag upon the heights of Chepultepec and upon the battle ments of the City of Mexico; this first volunteer to be mustered into the service of his country at the outbreak of the late war; this veteran, though some time since passed the Psalmist's limit of three-score years and ten, has had an experience and made a record such as fall to the lot of few men. Though his locks are silvered, his eye is bright, and it can still sparkle with enthusiasm as memories of the past are evoked-memories which have had so much to do with the honor of the old hero's

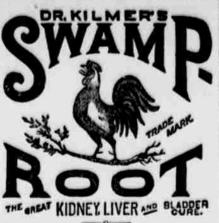
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