

BOSTON, Aug. 18.
MONSTROUS SERPENT.

We have seen several letters from Gloucester, which describe a prodigious Snake which has made its appearance in Cape-Ann Harbor. It was first seen at some distance from shore by some fishermen, 10 or 12 days ago; but it was then generally believed to be the creature of the imagination, and of the family.

*"Of that huge snake tremendous,
curl'd
"Whose monstrous circle girds the
world."*

But he has since come within the harbor of Gloucester, and has been seen by hundreds of people. He is declared by some persons who approached within ten or fifteen yards of him, to be sixty or seventy feet in length, round, and of the diameter of a barrel. Others state his length variously, from fifty to one hundred feet.— His motions are serpentine, extremely varied, and exceedingly rapid. He turns himself round almost instantaneously. He sometimes darts forward, with his head out of the water, at the rate of a mile in three minutes, leaving a wake behind him of half a mile in length. His head as large as the head of a horse, is shaped somewhat like that of a large dog, is raised about 8 feet out of the water and is partly white, the other part black. He appears to be full of joints and resembles a string of buoys on a net rope, as is set in the water to catch herring.— Others describe him like a string of water casks. His back is black. Various attempts have been made without success, to take him.— Four boats went on Thursday, filled with adventurous sailors and experienced gunners, armed with muskets, harpoons, &c. Three muskets were discharged at him, from a distance of 30 feet, two balls were thought to strike his head, but without effect. He immediately after plunged into the water, and disappeared for a short time, after which he moved off to the outer harbor, and was seen no more that night. A number of persons are employed in making a net of codlines, of sufficient strength and size to take him. It is conjectured that he has resorted to this harbor for the purpose of preying upon a very numerous shoal of herrings, which have lately appeared there. If he has been instrumental, as is supposed, in driving these herring into the harbor, he has rendered an essential service to the town.

THE SEA SERPENT, NOW IN
THE HARBOR OF GLOUCESTER.

Speaking of this formidable creature, the Salem Gazette says—“ This kind of animal must either be very few in number, or their haunts chiefly beyond the view of man, as they are seldom seen. Now and then, at a great distance of time, report is made of some such monster of the deep, which however gains but little credit, and is given up as fabulous, or finally forgotten. The northern seas about Greenland,

the coast of Norway, &c. have generally been given as their places of habitation. The Encyclopædia, under the title of “ Sea Serpent,” quotes a marvellous account of this monster, as given by Guthrie; who states, “ that in 1756 one of them was shot by a master of a ship; its head resembled that of a horse; the mouth was large and black, as were the eyes, a white mane hanging from its neck; it floated on the surface of the water, and held its head at least two feet out of the sea; between the head and neck were 7 or 8 folds, which were very thick; and the length of this snake was more than one hundred yards, some say fathoms.” Guthrie gives some other particulars of this animal, which he says would be incredible, were they not attested upon oath; and then adds that, “ Egede, a very reputable author, says, that on the 6th July, 1735, a large and frightful sea monster raised itself so high out of the water, that its head reached above the main-top-mast of the ship; had a long sharp snout, broad paws, and spouted water like a whale; the body seemed to be covered with scales: the skin was uneven and wrinkled, and the lower part was formed like a snake. The body of the monster is said to be as thick as a hogshead, his skin variegated like a tortoise shell, & his excrement corrosive.” The Encyclopædiasts however doubt the existence of the *Sea Serpent*: they consider its reported bulk to be so disproportionate to all the known animals of our globe, as to require more than ordinary evidence to render it credible; and the evidence in the two cases cited, so feeble and unsatisfactory, that no man of sound judgment would think it sufficient to establish the truth of an extraordinary fact.—In the present case, however, there are hundreds who can testify to the existence of a very monstrous and marvellous bulk and form, and such as was never before seen upon our coast.—The chance for taking or killing this creature seems to be small: it requires not merely the club of a Hercules, but the cunning contrivance of a Vulcan.

We are told that two Sharks appeared to be constantly in attendance on the great Sea Serpent, at Gloucester; whether as his humble servants, or as a reconnoitering party, to see what sort of a gentleman he is, or to find some vulnerable part, and watch some favorable opportunity, to attack and destroy him is not known.—*Salem Gazette.*

From the *Salem Register.*

Our Sea Serpent, as he is called, is still near our shores. We have been told that he has actually received Herrings when offered to him. We have been promised a view of him as he appears when at ease upon the water. Whether he will be taken, remains doubtful. The only hope seems to be from some powerful wound in the head, which he might receive from a discharge of small shot, whether from musketry or cannon. If he were drawn into

some cove, and there exposed to a particular examination, the article under which he appears would be something besides a name with uncommon fear in it.

We learn that a party, well prepared, will proceed this morning from Marblehead, for the purpose of attacking this formidable visitant of our shores.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 26.

Captain Doyle, who arrived here yesterday morning, in three days from Cape Ann, informs us, that the day before he sailed a number of boats went out in pursuit of the Serpent; that the Serpent soon turned upon his pursuers, and that they, with great difficulty, succeeded in reaching the shore. Two thousand dollars has been offered for his skin.

Battle with the Sea Monster!

We learn by the Traveller, that a number of brave and intrepid volunteers went out in the schr. Resolution, and attacked the Sea Serpent; but the animal turned upon them, and it was with difficulty they made their escape!—*No whale this!*—*N. Y. Gaz.*

MR. COLEMAN, Editor of the New-York Evening Post, says, he is authorized to offer 5000 dollars for the Sea Serpent, if caught.

Fever and Ague,
and

Intermittent Fever

CURED!!

The subscriber has just received from Doctor Griffith, an *infallible* remedy for the above mentioned diseases. Of the many hundred boxes which have been sold in New-York and Cincinnati, a single case has never occurred in which ONE box failed to cure in THREE days, as can be attested by many gentleman of respectability.

For Sale by

THOMAS DOUGLAS.

Madison, Sept. 16, 1817. 40^{ft}

NOTICE.

THE Commissioned, Non-commissioned officers, Musicians and Privates of the 6th Regiment of Indiana Militia (composed of the county of Jefferson,) are hereby notified that there will be a Regimental Muster held at the house of James Edwards, in the county aforesaid, on the 4th Saturday of September next. You will therefore attend on said day, equipped according to law.

K. C. TALBOTT,
Col. com. 6th Reg. Ind. Militia.
Aug. 27th, 1817. 36—4w.

THE Subscribers wish to employ two or three GOOD Journeymen CARPENTERS.

J. & B. WILSON.

Madison, Sept. 13. 39^{3/4}w

One Rifle

GUN

For sale at this Office.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership of M'C & King is this day dissolved mutual consent—All persons devoted to said Firm, are requested to make immediate payment to David M'Clure, who is authorized to receive the same.

DAVID M'CLURE
VICTOR KING.

Madison, Sept. 3, 1817.

New Goods!

DAVID M'CLURE & CO HAVE just received and are opening in the house formerly occupied by M'Clure and King a large and elegant assortment of Seasonable Goods—among which are the following articles, viz.

Dry Goods

Superfine Cloths

Fine do

Coarse do

Coatings

Kersey Cloths

Prince's Cloth

Swansdown

Flanneis, assorted

Rose Blankets

Point do

Domestic Plaid

Stripe do

Calicoes, assorted

Cambric Muslin

Jaconet do Plain & Figure

Book do

Mulmul do

India Muslins

Chambray do

Velvets

Cords

Mercerized Vesting

Steam Loom Shirting

Shirting Cambric

Irish Linen

Levantine

Lustrine

Satin

Florentine

Silk, Shantbrays, Hdkfs, &c.

Hardware

Cutlery, assorted

Screws

Hinges

Handsaws

Tenon do

Crosscut do

Wrought Nails

Cut do

Pig Lead, &c.

Crowly Steel, &c.

Window Glass, 8 by 16

Queensware

Glassware

Chinaware

GROCERIES

Best Green Coffee

Imperial Tea

Young Hyson do

Loaf Sugar

New-Orleans do

Pepper

Alspice

Ginger

Copras

Madder

Alum

Rosin

Shad, &c. &c.

All of which they will sell low CASH—They will also keep constant supply of Coffee & Sugar by the bbl. and Young Hyson Tea by the box.

Madison, Sept. 16.

40^{ft}

Tallow wanted at the OFFICE.