

Another avalanche.—We understand that some time during the night on Thursday, about an acre of land of the high bank on the north side of Presumpscot river, situated about a quarter of a mile below Pride's bridge in Westbrook, gave way and slid into the middle of the river, on which people passed and repassed. The consequence was, the river below was drained, while above, it rose rapidly 10 or 12 feet, and flowed the adjoining field, until in the course of Friday, the water found a passage on each side of the slide, which has been wearing away since, and will undoubtedly soon again find its accustomed channel.

The people at Presumpscot lower falls were yesterday morning first apprized of the trouble above, by a total failure of water which usually pours over the top of the dam in torrents—so that fears began to be entertained that these valuable privileges for mills and factories, were in danger of being lost to the proprietors for want of water. But their apprehensions were relieved before night by the sudden rise of the pond to an unusual height.—*Portland Courier.*

American Eclipse.—This superior horse, who is now in the neighborhood of Baltimore, and had been running races from a colt until he was aged, and had never been beaten, challenged the continent, giving 6 or 12 months notice, to run for \$20,000, the adversary to be named at starting, consequently he stood alone against the United States. The best blood of Virginia was trained and tried by the most experienced gentlemen of the should have kiver myself up in a salt barrel to turf. Col. Johnson, and several others were keep—so wolly about the head and shoulders,—selected and brought to the course; one was So, says I stranger! if you don't take hoer, your at the last day chosen to have the honor of hat will run away with you! So he hooked me contending with him, who was daemed first in shantindiculer, and I looked down on him shant the world—and nobly did he contend. The tindiculer—he took out a char' of tobacco, and first heat was run in the unprecedeted time says "I don't value you tantamount to that!"—of seven minutes and 37 seconds. But in and then the varment flapped his wings, and crowed like a cock. I ris up, shook my mane, crooked my neck and neighed like a horse. He run his boat plump ahead foremost against a shore. I stopped my wagon and set my triggers. "Mister," says he, "I can whip my weight in wild-cats, and ride straight through a crab-apple orchard on a dash of lightning. Clear meat axe disposition—the best man—if I ain't I wish I may be tetotauously exflumented!"

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SLAVE TRAFFIC.—There have only been 3 instances of self destruction by fire—that of the philosopher Empedocles, who threw him self into the crater of Mount Aetna; that of a Frenchman, who, in imitation of the former, precipitated himself, in 1820, into the crater of Vesuvius; and that of an Englishman, who, about 20 years back, jumped into the furnace of a forge.

According to the New-Orleans papers, there were imported into that port during the week commencing on the 16th ult. from various parts of the United States, 371 slaves, principally from Virginia, as follows:

By the Tribune, from Alexandria,	111
By the Sarah, from Baltimore,	4
By the United States, from Norfolk,	150
By the James Ramsay, from Baltimore,	2
By the Susan, from Charleston,	14
By the Atlas, from Charleston,	60
Total—	371

Steamboat explosion.—The steamboat Cygnet, capt. Guy, employed in carrying the mail between this district and Potomac creek, when about 16 miles below this town on Friday evening last, met with an unfortunate accident. The boat had stopped, either to land or take passengers, when one of her boilers burst, by which explosion one of the firemen, a black man, was killed. We do not believe that any other person was at all injured. Accidents of this nature are extremely rare with the steamboats employed on this river.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

Christian Charity.—"I have killed your husband, Madame," said the late Mr. A. not less celebrated for his eccentricities than his medical skill, "I must confess that my mode of treatment has been the death of him; I certainly did not mistake his case." The new made widow shed a profusion of tears, but the Doctor received next morning a pleasing testimony of her not bearing malice, in the shape of a fine bunch of violets.

Suicide by two brothers.—The Rev. C. Semple, of Goldington, Bedfordshire, last week blew out his brains, and was found in his bed room in the agonies of death. His brother, Capt. Semple, of the third regiment of guards, on hearing the melancholy intelligence, became gloomy and abstracted, and on the morning of his brother's funeral, cut his throat with a razor, and immediately expired. He was 35 years of age, and fought at the battle of Waterloo.

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Sandals for Horses.—An English saddler, named Tade (says *Le Petit Courier des Dames*), has invented a sandal for horses. It is fastened with strings of leather instead of nails and is so managed that it can be put on or removed as the rider wishes or wants in less than a minute. The object of this invention is to enable the rider to replace at once, during a journey, without fear of exposing the animal to accident which might result from the loss of a shoe.

Lion of the West.—A comedy bearing this

name, written by Paulding, and revised by Stone has recently been performed at New York and Boston with decided success. The principal character in this production, *Nimrod Wildfire*, is, to use his own elegant language, *Screamer*.

Some idea of his peculiarities may be formed from the following sketch, which he gives of an affair between himself and a craftsman:

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*Samuel Rockefeller, esq. of New Trenton, Indiana, dug up a raddish in his garden lately, measuring 23 inches round the middle, 14 inches long, and weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. A whopper this!—*Philadelphia Courier.**

The new legislature of Brazil have exempted periodical and all national publications from the charge of postage—an example worthy to be followed in all free nations.

We learn says the Raleigh Register, that the family of J. W. Byrum, esq. of Chatham, North Carolina, during the last session, raised silk worms sufficient to produce 600 lbs. of cocoons, which it is expected from the progress already made in winding them, will make 20,000 skeins sewing silk, equal if not superior to any Italian silk imported.

It was 40 years on Friday Nov. 4th, since

gen. Arthur St. Clair was defeated by the Indians and British in the Western territory, then

wilderness, but which now is a populous and flourishing part of our country. In less than

half that time hence, the state of Ohio will be

second to none in the Union.

At an annual shooting match at St. Stephen,

N. B. 30th ult. two parties of seven men each,

returned 100 partridges, 6 black ducks, 6 robins, 17 woodcocks, 70 squirrels, 2 yellow hammers, 2 snipes, 2 blackbirds, 1 pigeon, 2 jays, 1 rabbit, 1 bear: total 214.

Singular advertisement.—In a New York pa-

per of last week, a man advertises for 100 live

rats per week, for which he offers to pay 6 cents

apiece. When we first saw it we were rather

alarmed, fearing lest the presence of so many

strangers at the fair convention was creating a

famine among the good people of New York.

But the fear of sympathetic grief which we were

about to drop over the hard fate of our fair friends, was arrested by reading a little farther,

when we observed that the rats were not intend-

ed for them, but for the snakes in Scudder's

museum.

An English vessel having approached too

near to the volcanic islands in the Mediterranean,

is said by the French papers to have been

drawn into and swallowed up in the vortex.

Equivocal testimony.—A witness was called

upon last week to testify before the county court

concerning the reputation of another witness for

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