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A WRESTLE WITH NIAGARA.

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Another plan must be devised, and this with American promptitude, was soon done. A raft twenty or thirty feet long and five feet broad was knocked together with amazing rapidity. It consisted of two stout poles, made fast, five feet asunder, by nailing four or five pieces of two-inch board at each extremity; thus the machine consisted of a skeleton raft, with a small stage at either end. On one of these stages—that to which the cables (of which there were two) were lashed—was tightly fixed a large empty cask, for the sake of its buoyancy, on the other a complete network of cords, to which the man was to lash himself; also, a tin can of refreshments, he having taken nothing since the evening before, three or four similar cans, by the way, had been let down to him already, attached to strong pieces of new line, but the cords had in every instance been snapped, and the food lost.

The raft was finished, launched and safely let down to the log. The poor fellow committed himself to its care, he lashed his legs firmly, and then signaled to draw him up; thus for the second time the ropes had begun to be drawn up, and the raft advanced under the first pull, but its head, owing to the great light cask, dipped beneath it, and as the raft still advanced, the water broke over it to such a depth that the man was obliged to raise himself upon all fours, keeping his chin well elevated to avoid being drowned. We expected at every pull to see his head go under, but alas! they pulled in vain for the front of the raft, pressed down by the weight of the falling water, had come in contact with a rock, and would not advance. The ropes were slackened, she fell back, but again hitched in her return. It was then determined to let her swing to another part of the rapid, where the stream did not appear quite so impassible. This was done, and a second attempt to draw it up was made, half-way between the log and the opposite shore (a small island). This also failed from the same cause; therefore it was proposed to let the raft float down and swing round upon the island. This was commenced, but with the old result; the cable was caught in the rocks, and the raft remained stationery. However, she was floating easily, and the poor fellow could rest.

Early in the day, for the forenoon was now far advanced, one of the large ferry boats (built expressly for crossing beneath the falls) had been brought up, but had lain idle. This was now put into requisition, and nobly she rode down toward the raft, while in breathless silence we all watched her as she dipped at the various falls, and each time recovered herself. I shuddered as she was launching, for I began to see that the man could not be saved by a boat; a boat never could return against a rapid, however well able to float down it. No sooner would her bow come into contact with a fall than it would dip, fill and spin round, as did the first skiff which was lost.

The poor fellow himself was getting impatient—visibly so. He untied his lashings, stood upright upon the raft, eagerly waiting to seize the boat and jump into her. She had but one more fall to pass, and that fall was situated just above where he stood; she paused at the brink of it, swung down it like lightning, and, as he leaped forward to seize her, she rose on the returning wave, struck him in the chest, and he struggled hopelessly in the overwhelming torrent.

The exclamation of horror—for it was not a cry—which burst from the thousands who by this time were assembled, I shall never forget, nor the breathless silence with which we watched the fighting with the waters as they hurried him along upright, waving both arms above his head. We lost sight of him at intervals; yet again and again he reappeared, and I thought hours must have passed in line of one brief half minute. But the end came at last; once more I saw his arms widly waved above his head, and in an instant the crowd turned from the spot in dead silence. The man was lost.—*All the Year Round.*

WOODEN DRAINS.—Strange as it may seem, after all our experimenting with wood and the tile draining material, we are likely to come back again to wooden drains of some sort under peculiar circumstances. They are pronounced on good authority superior to, as they are far cheaper than tile drains, where the wood is subject to the vapor of carbolic acid. But even without this preparation, wooden water pipes, made in the best manner, will outlast two or three generations under ground. But as it regards the so-called Robbins process, it is not applied to logs, but *boards*, so that the logs of any perishable woods sawed into boards, and the boards subjected to the vapor of carbolic acid, formed into square conductors, and used as drains upon farms, will last, it is claimed, "forever," at a cost of no more than a fourth or fifth of that of tile, a heavy article and expensive to farmers living at a distance from a manufactory. Should this process turn out to be all that is claimed for it, the farmers of the country will find it a means of rejuvenating their lands by draining which, while it will cost but little, will nearly double their productive capacity.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

A CHEAP ICE-HOUSE.—Mr. J. S. Stevens, of Moore's Hill, Indiana, gives the following excellent plan for constructing a cheap ice-house:

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