

Accidents at the Falls.

between the two islands, over which had they gone, no earthly power could have withheld their final passage to the terrific precipice, which forms the Horse-shoe Fall ! But the sudden dash of a wave capsized the canoe, and left the two struggling in the water. Being near a rock, and shallow, the boy lost no time, but seizing his father by the coat collar, he dragged him up to a place of safety, where the crowd of anxious citizens awaited to lend assistance. The poor boy on reaching the shore in safety, instantly fainted, while his miserable father was sufficiently sobered by the perils he had passed through ; and, if he have the mind of a man he can never recur to that awful voyage, without a shudder of horror at his own beastly appetite, which reduced him to such a condition as to endanger not alone his own life, but that of his gallant and dutiful child.

The canoe was dashed to pieces on the rocks ere it reached its final leap.

Had it been at the other side of Iris Island, that the canoe was driven amongst the rapids, it would not have been possible to entertain the most distant hope of their escape. There never was known an instance of a boat on that side living in the rapids.

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