

through these narrows with unusual rapidity, much increased in the spring and fall of the year, from the additional volume of water which passes down with the precipitancy of a Cataract, until it bursts from its fetters at the foot of the *Dalles*, and meanders along its more natural bed.

Natural  
Curiosity.

I was here informed of the existence in the neighbourhood of that spot, of a great natural curiosity in the shape of a subterraneous cavern, which was discovered by two young Canadian peasants, whilst hunting the wild cat, about two years ago. Prosecuting their sport, they pursued two of their game, until entering an obscure hole a little above the bank of the river, the young sportsmen lost sight of them. The most enterprising of the two attempted to enter the aperture in the rock, at that time barely sufficient to admit his crawling into it. Having provided themselves with lights, they made a second attempt so effectual, that not only did they secure their prey, (of which they have preserved the skin to this day,) but they discovered another of the many phenomena of nature, a description of which cannot be uninteresting.

The Cavern.

I descended into the cavern by means of a trap door which has recently been placed at one of its angles for the facility and convenience of strangers, desirous of visiting this singular spot, having as my guides two of