



RAPIDS ABOVE THE FALL, AMERICAN SIDE.—This view represents the full breadth of the river, between the American shore and Goat Island, and the cumulous character of the rapids on the American side. The bed of the Niagara River at this point is a succession of shelves, from which in many places large rocks project to within a few feet of the surface. As the river contracts and shallows it increases in velocity and becomes a seething cauldron, boiling, tossing, leaping and swirling in mad abandon and irresistible force.