

paper but one of respectability and general circulation would be likely to secure the services as its agent of such a man as JASPER HOPPER.

The first number of the series of essays by JESSE HAWLEY, signed "Hercules," had for its caption, "Observations on Canals," in full capital letters, and was published in the *Genesee Messenger*, October 27th, 1807, occupying a conspicuous position on the first page of the paper. The second number, in which the route for the canal is traced from Lake Erie to the Mohawk, was published November 3d, 1807. The third and the fourth numbers, in which are discussed the length of time requisite, and the size of the canal that should be adopted, were published on the tenth and the seventeenth of November, 1807, respectively. The fifth number, in which the probable cost of such a canal and its commercial utility are treated of, was published November 24th, 1807. The sixth number, in which its agricultural and commercial importance is profoundly discussed, was published December 8th, 1807. The seventh and the eighth numbers, which are devoted to the question of the resources of capital, were published respectively on the fifteenth and the twenty-second of December, 1807. The remaining numbers are devoted to pointing out other improvements in various portions of the United States; number ten, particularly, showing the great resources and the growing power of the State of New York, if this canal shall be constructed, and setting forth the project for the Champlain Canal.

As has been already remarked, the impartial reader of those essays will not be in doubt about their originality. Doctor HOSACK says of them: "They must have had great influence in preparing the legislative measures that succeeded."

The action of Mr. FORMAN in the Assembly for procuring surveys in the interior, was in February, 1808, three months subsequent to the date of the newspaper which contained the delineation of the route for the canal; and as Mr. FORMAN was not under the necessity of leaving his home to take his