
Navigation of the Whirlpool.

the Falls of Niagara, where the uproar is still greater and the river much wider persons have called across and have made themselves distinctly understood.

XXXVIII.

A light canoe was to her shoulders tied.

The Canoes of the Indians are often so light that one person can carry them ; and it has ever been customary for them to carry them from one lake or water course to another. There is nothing improbable in their having on the bank one of their light canoes which a woman could bind over her shoulders and carry to the water.

XXXVIII.

'Tis quickly launched upon the stream
That deep and treach'rous flowed,
And swiftly o'er the crested waves,
Light as a swan it rode.

The suggestion has been made that a life boat might be safely navigated over the Whirlpool. It is not unworthy of attention. The exploration of the upper surface would give much satisfaction to skillful boat-men, and safely to perform the gyrations of the whirling waters would be a pleasant adventure. The tact too of man-aging a boat in such a place would entitle the boatmen to much applause. By some it is thought that by means of a life boat, a visit to the Whirlpool and round the eddies would be merely a ride of pleasure, and that even a regular ferry might be kept up to the Canada side.