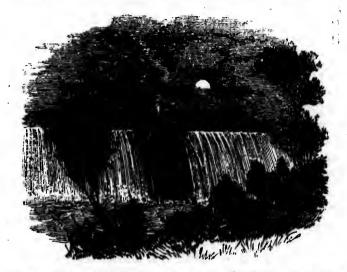
THE CATARACT OF NIAGARA.

hundred yards over. Their direction is not straight across, but hollowing inwards like a



horse-shoe, so that the cataract, which bends to the shape of the obstacle, rounding inwards, presents a kind of theatre, the most tremendous in nature. Just in the middle of this circular wall of waters, a little island, that has braved the fury of the current, presents one of its points, and divides the stream at top into two parts, but they unite again long before they reach the bottom. The noise of the fall is heard at the distance of several leagues, and the fury of the waters at the termination of the fall is inconceivable. The dashing produces a mist that rises to the very clouds, and forms a most beautiful rainbow when the sun shines. It will be readily supposed that such a cataract alto-

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