

hood, are pointed out, but they exist chiefly in the imagination!

That small island to our right, on the verge of the Falls, is

LUNA ISLAND;

So called because it is the best point from which to view the beautiful *lunar bow*. A narrow bridge connects this island with Goat Island.

The *lunar bow* is only seen for a short time in the month, when the moon is full and sufficiently high in the heavens.

The *solar bow* is always visible when the sun shines on the Falls.

It is said by some that Luna Island trembles; which is not improbable.●

A very melancholy accident occurred at the northern extremity of this island in the year 1849. The family of Mr. Deforest of Buffalo visited the Falls on the 21st June of that year, along with a young man named Charles Addington. They were about to leave this island when Mr. Addington playfully seized Annette, the little daughter of Mr. Deforest, in his arms, and held her over the edge of the bank, exclaiming, "I am going to

throw you in." A sudden impulse of fear caused the child to bound from his grasp and fall into the rushing stream. With a loud cry of horror the young man sprang in to save her, and ere the stricken parents could utter a cry, they both went over the Falls! The next day the mangled remains of the child were discovered in the Cave of the Winds, but Addington's body was not found for several days afterwards.

THE CENTRE FALL,

Over which we pass in our return to Goat Island, although a mere ribbon of white water when seen from a short distance in contrast with the Great Falls, is by no means unworthy of notice. It is 100 feet wide, and is a very graceful sheet of water. Proceeding along the road a short distance, we come to

BIDDLE'S STAIRS.

These were erected in 1829 by Mr. Biddle, president of the United States Bank, for the purpose of enabling visitors to descend the perpendicular precipice. The stairs are firmly secured to the cliff, and are said to be quite safe. They are 80 feet high. The total descent from the top of the bank to the bottom is 185 feet.