

same *Leptæna sarcinulata*, *Spirifer*, allied to *S. Urii*, and other shells, which occur at Frostburg, together with *Encrinus*, and a small coral.

The steamboats on the Ohio cannot be depended upon for punctual departure at the appointed hour like those of the Hudson or Delaware. I therefore took places in a coach for Wheeling, and crossed a low and nearly level country, where I was struck with the absence of drift and boulders, so common in the north. The carboniferous strata were exposed on the banks of every small streamlet, and not concealed by any superficial covering. On reaching one of those innumerable towns to which, as if for the sake of confusion, the name of Washington has been given, I received the agreeable intelligence that, instead of travelling to Wheeling before sunset, I must wait till another mail came up in the middle of the night. I was very indignant at this breach of promise, but was soon appeased by the good-natured landlord and postmaster, who addressed me by the conciliatory appellation of "Major," and assured me that the new post-office regulation was as inconvenient to him as it could possibly be to us.

The next day we embarked at Wheeling on the Ohio for Marietta. I had been requested by my geological friends, when at Philadelphia, to make inquiries respecting some Indian corn said to have been found fossil at some depth in a stratified deposit near Fish Creek, a tributary of the Ohio, and presumed to be of high antiquity. A proprietor who had resided twenty-six years near the spot, assured me that the corn occurred in an island in the river, at the depth of no more than two feet below the