

Delisse gives it, who doubtless advanced this paradox only on the credit of the Baron la Hontan, and Father Honnepin ; but after I arrived at the top of the third mountain, I observed that in the space of three leagues, which I afterwards had to go to this fall of water, although you are forced sometimes to ascend, you must nevertheless descend still more, and this is what travellers do not appear to have paid proper attention to. As we can only approach the cascade on one side, nor see it but in the profile, it is not easy to measure its height by instruments : experiments have been made to do it by a long cord tied to a pole, and after having often attempted this manner, it was found to be only 115 or 120 feet high ; but it is impossible to ascertain whether the pole was not stopped by some projection of the rock ; for although when drawn up again the end of the cord was always wet, yet that is no proof, since the water which precipitates from the mountain, flies up again in foam to a very great height : for my own part, after having considered it on every side that I could examine it to advantage, I think that we cannot allow it to be less than 140 or 150 feet.

“ Its figure is that of a horse-shoe, and its circumference is about 400 paces ; but exactly
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