

mony to the uneasy condition of the land. This place was once the strong-hold of France in America, and had one of the finest harbors in the world. It was well fortified, and had a population of twenty thousand souls within its walls. It was destroyed during the French and Indian war, and the inhabitants dispersed. But Nature had herself ordained its abandonment. The rock on which the brave General Wolfe landed has nearly disappeared. The sea now flows within the walls of the city, and sites once inhabited have become the ocean's bed. In 1822 the entire coast of Chili was elevated to a height varying from two to seven feet—an extent equal to the area of New England and New York having been lifted up bodily. In 1831, an

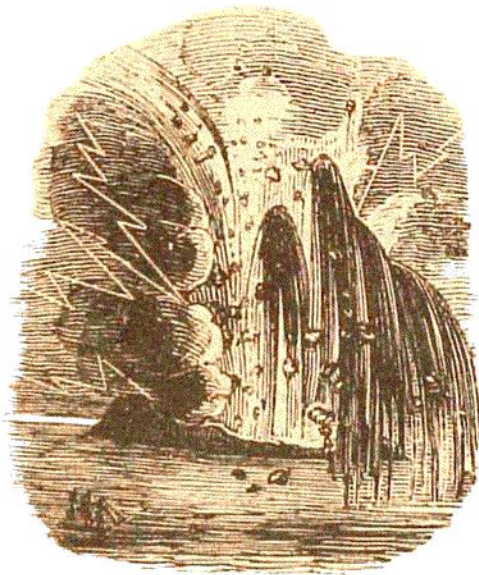


Fig. 6. View of Graham's Island, July 18, 1831.

island, since called Graham's Island, sprang from the bed of the Mediterranean between Sicily and the site of ancient Carthage. The island is now again but a sunken reef. Another island, as recently as 1866, rose from the bottom of the Grecian Archipelago, before the very eyes of the American consul, Mr. Canfield, bearing upon its slimy back fragments of wrecks that had been sunken in the lit-

tle harbor of Santorin. Similar ocean-births had many times previously been witnessed in the same vicinity. A hundred and sixty-six years before our era the island of Hyera rose. It was lifted successively higher by earthquake-throbs in the years 19, 726, and 1427. In 1707 Nea-Kameni made its appearance, and in 1773 Micra-Kameni. Even the ancient islands of Santorin, Thrasia, and Aphronisi themselves rose from the sea at the termination of an earthquake some