

*The Fight between the Elephant and Rhinoceros—*

The village of Galway, N. Y., was on Sunday thrown into great excitement by a report that the huge rhinoceros belonging to Raymond & Waring's menagerie had broken loose from his cage and was committing terrible havoc among the cattle in that vicinity. It seems that some time during Saturday night the elephant Columbus, which is not of the most amiable disposition, amused himself by tearing off the strong iron bars from the cage in which the rhinoceros was secured. Finding himself menaced, the rhinoceros came from his cage and showed fight. He was no sooner on the ground than he received two or three heavy blows from the trunk of the elephant upon his back, which beat him to the earth, where he lay for some time as if dead.

The elephant then endeavored to finish him by tramping upon him, which the rhinoceros evaded by jumping under the body of his powerful antagonist, in which position he gave the elephant some upward thrusts with the prodigious horn that projects from the front of his head, which put his elephantship *hors du combat*. The keepers, finding it impossible to secure the infuriated beast alone, called upon the neighbors for assistance, which was promptly given, and every effort made to prevent him from doing farther mischief. In the meanwhile the rhinoceros had got into the open fields, where he continued his operations to frightening a number of horses and cows that were in pasture, and then took to a neighboring swamp, where he luxuriated in his favorite recreation of bathing, with the same unconcern as if he had been wallowing among his own native marshes in Japan.

Finding it impossible to capture him by means of traps and meshes, the proprietors at length came to the conclusion of dispatching him; and for this purpose procured a number of muskets. They might, however, as well fire against the side of a stone wall, as his hide resisted the balls as effectually as if they had been encased in iron. Up to a late hour last evening they had not succeeded in taking him, although more than five hundred persons were engaged in the pursuit, and a large reward is offered for his capture alive. The elephant is so badly wounded that he is not expected to recover.

The loss of these two valuable animals will be incalculable to the menagerie, having cost the proprietors twenty thousand dollars, and what is worse, they cannot be replaced.—*St. Johnsville Rep.* July 24th.