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### EARTHQUAKE

Monday Evening, Dec. 16

During the 12 hours, ending at 11 o'clock, A. M. of this day, our town has experienced several shocks of an Earthquake. The first and most considerable as to force and time, occurred about 20 minutes after 2 o'clock. It shook the houses, rocked the furniture, opened several partition doors, that were fastened with falling latches, and threw down bricks from the tops of some chimnies. Its duration was computed by different persons, from 2 to 5 minutes. In about half an hour, this vibration was succeeded by another, less violent and considerably shorter. At 20 minutes past 7 o'clock, or in five hours from the first, a third shock was felt. It commenced gradually, became strong enough to produce all of the effects of the first, in a lesser degree, and nearly subsided in about a minute, when it was succeeded by a fourth, more violent than it, but of only a few seconds duration. In about 8 or 10 minutes a fifth followed, about as strong as the second. Between 10 and 11 o'clock the 6th occurred, but was so slight as not be generally observed. It is asserted by some, that 2 or 3 shocks were felt the preceding evening; but this, perhaps, is incorrect.