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This singular and unusal phenomenon has been lately experienced in this western country. On the 16th utl. several severe shocks were felt in the southern part of the state, and in Kentucky. The first, which was also the most severe, was between two and three o'clock in the morning. Accounts from various places differ in some degree, respecting its duration. In Frankfort, Kentucky, it is said, to have continued from two to five minutes, and to have been preceded by a rumbling sound, and some damage was done to the buildings in that place, but none were material. In Cincinnati and its vicinity, as many as six or seven different shocks were noticed during the morning, and the tops of several chimnies were shaken off. At Chilicothe it was noticed, but the concussions were not so severe as further south. It was felt in this place by some, but the shocks were so light, as not be generally noticed. The sound and motion seemed to proceed from the southwest. It is probable that some further information will be received, and it would be gratifying to us, to learn the cause of this singular convulsion of nature.