

AN ELEPHANT IN A FIX.—The monster elephant Hannibal, belonging to Van Amburgh & Co.'s Menagerie, came near losing his life, a few days since, while traveling from Keyport to Freehold, in New Jersey. His keeper had taken him off from the road in order to avoid an unsafe bridge, when, in crossing a tract of swampy land, the ground gave way beneath him and the enormous animal sank up to the middle of his sides in the yielding mud, where he floundered away for some time without being able to extricate himself; his struggles, on the contrary, resulting in rendering his situation, each moment, more dangerous, until it was feared that it would be impossible to save him. The heavy shackles, with which he was fettered, preventing a free movement of his limbs, made his position still more critical until help arrived, when, by placing timbers in front of and around him, he was enabled after a time to extricate himself. At first he was very much frightened, trumpeting loudly, and struggling wildly, but after the timbers were within his reach, he went to work more systematically, and exhibited much intelligence in his subsequent operations, depending principally upon his tusks to raise himself. When exhausted by his exertions he would throw himself over upon one side, in order to gain all the buoyancy