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SKATING.—In the year 1784, Joseph Clark, the architect who built the splendid dome of the State House in this city, skated from Baltimore to this place. Since that time, no winter has been sufficiently severe to afford an opportunity to amateurs of this art, or at least none have had the hardihood to attempt it. This winter, George W. Hynson and Joshua H. Valliant attempted it successfully. They left Baltimore at half past ten in the morning, and arrived here at two, having accomplished a distance of thirty miles, (usual nautical computation) in three hours and a half and when we consider that these glaci-
nauts had to keep to the land, to clear the points, and in some instances to ascend the mouths of rivers, we are astonished at the performance. The ice at the mouths of some of the rivers prevented their crossing direct, which rendered their course circuitous. They dined at the City Hotel and departed at three P. M. for Baltimore same day; a new era in ice navigation. What would Parry think of this?

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