

HALL'S' PATENT RIFLE;

An Instrument that will kill the Sea Monster.

PORTLAND, Aug. 26 —In consequence of suggestions that the Sea-Monster now on our coast is impenetrable by a leaden ball, experiments have been made with one of Capt Hall's patent rifles, to ascertain what degree of resistance would be necessary to stop a ball fired from one of them. The rifle carried a ball weighing half an ounce, and was charged each time with one sixth of an ounce of powder—in the course of the experiments, a carpenter's adze, of common thickness, was shot through, first at a distance of twenty yards, and then at a distance of forty yards. A thick narrow axe was deeply indented and broken through between the eye and the steel, from a distance of twenty yards; and a plate of cast iron three eighths of an inch in thickness, was perforated from a distance of twenty yards, and from a distance of forty yards. The holes were round and even on the side at which the ball entered, and were in diameter about one half larger than the diameter of the balls with which they were made.

The conclusion is irresistible that a ball from one of those rifles *would* penetrate the Serpent.

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