

A FEARFUL AND WONDERFUL ANIMAL.

THE following, taken verbatim from an old copy of the Kentucky Gazette, needs no comment:

WILD MAN OF THE WOODS.

Five or six days since my business called me to Danville, and thence, to Harrodsburgh. Whilst descending the cliff on the north side of the Kentucky river, I very unexpectedly encountered a being whose strangeness of visage inspired me with the most horrid sensations. When I first saw him he was lying upon the ground, his tail tied to the limb of a tree about twenty yards distant. I would judge it (the tail) to be thirty yards in length and about the size of a bed-cord. The tramping of my horse's feet started him, and he bounded to the tree, climbing up by his tail which, as before stated, was tied to a limb. Recovering somewhat from my confusion, I advanced nearer the tree, where I minutely surveyed his whole appearance. His head was of the usual dimensions, and his hair was long and flowing, reaching nearly to his waist. His eye (he had but one, in the center of his forehead) was almost white, and near the size of a silver dollar. His body was covered with hair and feathers and his feet resembled those of the bear. He skipped with the greatest facility from limb to limb, and muttered some unintelligible words in a harsh tone. Whilst he was intently gazing at me I rode round the tree about four times, his head turning each time with me. When I stopped his head was still for a moment, when it wheeled with the velocity of a top until it resumed its former position. Seeing him about to descend by means of his tail, I put spurs to my horse and reached the ferry greatly terrified and nearly out of breath.

The above statement is sent you at the request of my neighbors. who will certify to my good character, having resided among them for nineteen years.

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