

ON MOUNT MITCHELL.

The Man Who Ascertained the Altitude of the Lofly Peak.

A SCIENTIST'S TRAGIC DEATH.

While Endeavoring to Confirm His Calculations Professor Mitchell Fell Over a Precipice and Was Instantly Killed.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Far above the homes of the living and the dead, upon the summit of the lofty peak whose altitude he determined, Elisha Mitchell is sleeping his last long sleep.

A brief biographical sketch of him, the whole account measuring scarcely two inches in length, gives the most salient points in his history and tells in terse language of the manner of his death.

MITCHELL'S CAREER.

Elisha Mitchell, the eldest son of Abner Mitchell, a Connecticut farmer, was born in Washington, Litchfield county, Conn., August 19, 1803.

A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.

Tale of a Romantic Tragedy Which Came True in Real Life.

Two newspaper men were standing hilly on a corner of one of the up-town streets of busy New York.

THE SCIENTIST KILLED.

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"BIG TOM WILSON'S" STORY.

A story has all the more graphic interest from being related upon the scene of its enactment, and the tragedy described by "Big Tom Wilson" on that spring morning led nothing in dramatic effect from being related upon the scene of its enactment.

THE SEARCH FOR THE PROFESSOR.

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along its top grew a thicket of laurel bushes, whose twisted, protruding roots were overgrown with moss.

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