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There are but two considerable rapids. The first, called Le Tarts, is about 230 miles below Pittsburgh. It is a ripple caused by rocks - rather dangerous in low water, perceptible when the water is at a mean height, but not discoverable in moderate ?oods. The other, 560 miles below Pittsburgh, opposite the town of Louis ville, called, by way of pre-eminence, the falls, has a descent of 22 1-2 feet in two miles. The bed of the river consists of stratified, level, limestone. In low water, loaded boats cannot descend in a medium ?ood, they pass down in safety, under the direction of a pilot. About the

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