AMERICAN BRIDGES;

It is a notorious fact that there is no country of the world which is more in need of good and permanent Bridges than the United States of America. Extended along an immense line of coast on which abound rivers, creeks and swamps, it is impossible that any physical union of the country can really take place until the labours of the architect and mechanic shall have more perfectly done away the inconvenience arising from the intervention of the waters. Nature, ever provident for man, has, however, afforded us ample means of remedy.—Our forests teem with the choicest timber; and our floods can bear it on their capacious bosoms to the requisite points. Public spirit is alone wanting to make us the greatest nation on earth; and there is nothing more essential to the establishment of that greatness than the building of Bridges, the digging of canals, and the making of sound turnpike-roads. Necessity has already produced some handsome and extensive specimens of Bridge-building in the United States, agreeable to ancient models; and we shall proceed to mention a few of them.