

AN OCEAN EARTHQUAKE.

Graphic Description of a Remarkable Phenomenon Encountered by an American Brig.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 16.—[Special.]—The American brig Charles Dennis, Capt. Connaches, from Friendship, Me., has just arrived at Pensacola, after a passage of forty-two days. Aug. 15, in latitude 37 and longitude 75 west, and about five degrees off shore, she encountered a marine earthquake, which is supposed to have been a sequence of the one which shook up New York and New England. The brig was on the eastern edge of the gulf stream. The appearance of the sky denoted a hurricane, consequently the brig was put under short sail. The wind veered to every point of the compass and then lulled. Suddenly the roar of the sea deeper than the loudest thunder was heard. Then it boiled like a pot, heaping up great seas that tossed the brig like an egg-shell, now on the crest of a wave and then in the trough, her foayard crossing to the water on either side. When the commotion was over it was found that the foremast was sprung, the foretopmast carried away, and the vessel seriously crippled. After fixing the foremast the Captain proceeded on his voyage, meeting with no more mishaps. The earthquake must have had its centre some 400 or 500 miles east of Hatteras. Further lines of deep-sea sounding may determine the location of this marine upheaval. During the commotion of the waters there was little or no wind stirring, and the seething and boiling of the sea was like a caldron, the vessel bobbing like a chip and being utterly beyond control.