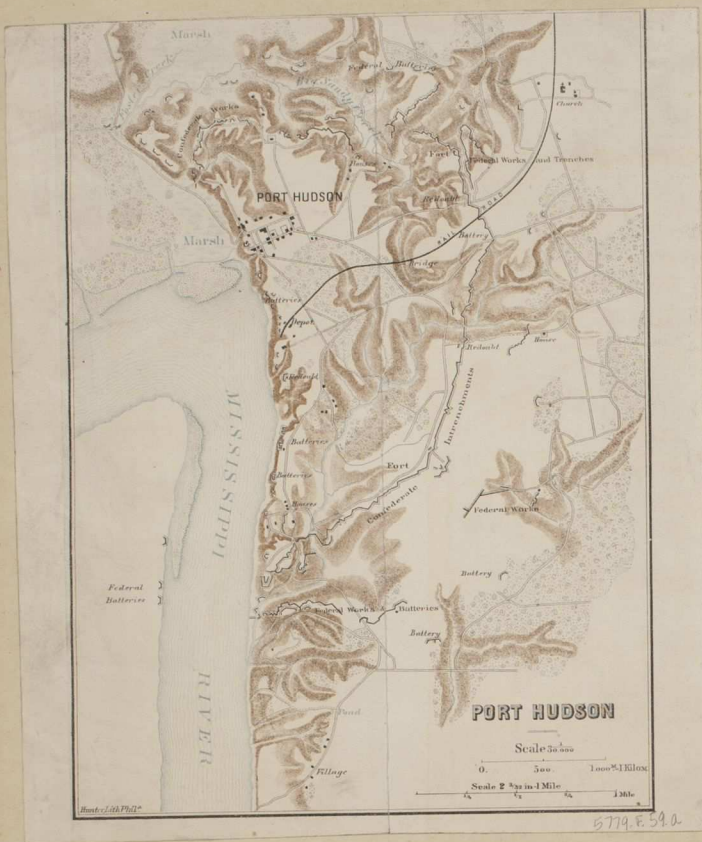
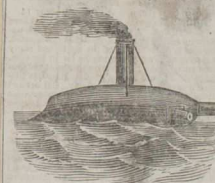




THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1861.



The above cut represents the *Monsieur*, or "Fertile," as she is called, which our readers will remember was the Battering Ram employed by the Rebels under Captain Huxley, for the purpose of destroying the blockading fleet stationed at the mouth of the Mississippi, and which proved, in the late engagement at that point, to signal a failure. The *Ram*, formerly the low boat *French Frigate*, of New Orleans, is of peculiar construction, and was fitted out at New Orleans at a cost of \$200,000. Its appearance is that of a short, clumsy steam tug, perfectly black, with a single funnel rising from the centre. A revolving iron beam protrudes from her bow, which is so arranged as to be able to run into a vessel and sink it. She carries but two guns, a heavy one at the bow, and another at the stern. She is strengthened with heavy timber, and then iron-plated, so as to be secure from the shot of her antagonists. The *Ram* runs by screw power, and, though her engines are very powerful, she makes but slow progress through the water. She is propelled by means of screws of half-inch diameter from her pipes.

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