

*“Attempt to Blow Up,” Laconia Democrat, November 4, 1859*

Yesterday afternoon a watchman at Amoskeag Falls observed a broom handle sticking out of the water near the west end and on the upper side of the dam, and on drawing it out he discovered attached to it a flask containing about ten pounds of good sporting powder and one or two pieces of stone to sink it, and running from the flask toward the hatting mill was about fifty feet of fuse which had not been lighted. It is supposed to have been put there the previous night and was waiting for the right time to come for firing, and thereby blow up the dam and remove the obstructions in the river. — Manchester Mirror.