

### A Big Reservoir.

The great retaining reservoir of the Elizabeth Water Works will be completed during the early part of September, and will be opened with imposing ceremonies. Ground was broken for this reservoir in May last, and since then between four and five hundred men have been at work upon it daily. It covers forty acres of ground, and will have a capacity for more than one hundred million gallons of water, and will cost upwards of three hundred thousand dollars. It will be supplied with the purest and freshest of water from springs at the foot of the Springfield Mountains, which form a large rivulet extending twenty miles, and empty into the Elizabeth River. The banks of the new retainer are twenty feet in height and forty feet in width at the base and ten feet at the top, and are composed of earth dug from the centre of the plot by a patent digging machine, which performs the work of many men. Every precaution has been taken against the possible effects of freshets, and in case of peril, the surplus water can be discharged at the sluice gates.

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