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ANOTHER MAMMOTH CAVE.—During the latter part of the year, a cave was discovered near Pineville, McDonald county, Missouri, but the times were so unsettled that beyond a careless, superficial examination of the more accessible portions of it, no general explorations have as yet been made.
Mr. C. C. Carpenter, a gentleman residing in Pineville, in company with one or two of his friends, gives the following as the result of an expedition made last week in search of the wonderful:

The location of this new subterranean wonder is sixteen miles southeast of Pineville, McDonald county; the entrance is on Sugar creek, in a ravine bearing the suggestive title of "Bar Hollar." You make your entrance into the bowels of the earth through a volcanic fissure seven feet wide by twenty feet in length, you soon lose sight of daylight, and find yourself in a long entrance hall fully one hundred yards in length, which terminates in the bat room, so named by the explorers from the thousands of bats that swarmed within its dark and hidden recesses; they flew about in swarms, making a terrible noise in the arched roof above. This room has three sides, each with an aperture opening into smaller caverns or side rooms. The dimensions of the room were taken by Mr. Carpenter, and found to be 50 by 130 feet, the ceiling about twenty feet from the floor. Passing from this room, a walk of about 400 yards, through a spacious hall, and we find ourselves in Barnum's Museum, so-called from the number of strangely shaped stalactites found there. This room is in the shape of a horseshoe. Nature certainly intended this room for a church, since the roof is arched in purely gothic style, with dome and columns, and to finish it off and make it complete a pulpit near the centre. The walls of this magnificent cavern are one hundred feet high, but one of the most remarkable features about it is a fountain of pure water four feet in diameter. Turning northward, we find a room sixty feet wide, and filled almost full of a glistening formation of stalactites, which hang in curiously formed pendants, from the roof. To the south of this is a room which should be named the bottomless pit, since it apparently has neither bottom, sides or roof. The darkness within this place is appalling. Turning to the east the party walked a distance of about a quarter of a mile when they came to a flight of natural steps, forty or fifty in number, terminating in a wide platform which formed the entrance to a mammoth hall, supported by Corinthian pillars of various thickness, and endless in number, all white as snow, and glistening as though studded with millions of diamonds. This hall is probably 200 feet in width, and communicates with a number of passages leading off in various directions, none of which have been explored. Proceeding on their way, the explorers found a river of running water, coming no one knows from where. It is about fifty feet wide and three feet deep. The party followed its course down stream to the falls, where the water goes roaring over a precipice into the darkness below. They retraced their way to the mammoth hall, crossed the river, and proceeded on their way. They passed room after room of endless shapes, and full of natural curiosities. Miles of caverns were passed through, each having outlets in others, and all dark, but all full of beauty when lighted up with torches or lamps. A lake of pure water was soon reached, which was at first supposed to be a river. Here a rude boat or dug-out had been brought by a fugitive during the late war. He had explored the lake during the war, and went northward until he thought he was coming to a waterfall, when he returned.

Further explorations on the lake developed the fact that the noise was made by a huge waterfall, where the water came pouring in from above. The water falls a distance of 60 feet. The lake is circular in shape, and has no visible outlet for water. It is about one hundred acres in extent. There were eight or ten dark passages found upon the banks of the lake, leading in all directions, but the guide accompanying the exploring party lost his courage and refused to go farther. The party were then about eight or ten miles from their starting point. They were in the cave forty-three hours. Mr. Carpenter says that there is another entrance to the cave thirty miles away, which old trappers and hunters say leads to the lake. Mr. C. C. Carpenter lives at Pineville, McDonald county, and will take pleasure in making further explorations with any party who may call upon and accompany him.—*Kansas City Times.*

ANOTHER CLAIMANT.—The Marshalltown (Iowa) Times says:—Messrs. Boardman and Woodbury will visit New York soon in the interest of Rev. Joel Edwards, looking after the \$85,000,000 estate, which is located mostly in New York city, and was originally leased by Robert Edwards, the great grandfather of our friend Joel. The vast estate, equal to a principality, falls to Joel and thirty-four other heirs. It is the opinion of those acquainted with the facts in the case that it is only a question of time as to its realization by the heirs. If a compromise is effected Joel will soon have his \$3,000,000.

A NEW AND CAREFUL BRIDEGROOM in Cleveland kept the wedding ring in his mouth during the fore part of the ceremony, so that he could find it when the proper moment arrived. He mumbled along all right until the minister winked at him, as a hint to produce the ring, when in his nervousness he swallowed it, and there being no stomach-pump on hand, he was stood on his head by three gentlemen to recover the "golden pledge."

150 BUSHES VALLEY OF VIRGINIA AND OHIO CLOVER SEED.
50 bushels Timothy Seed.
50 bushels Orchard Grass Seed.
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JAN 10
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Jan 28-30

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1871.

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of fine and coarse work, ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of

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Also a large stock of

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sep 13
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contains no poisonous substances, no sugar-of-lead, sulphur or nitrate of silver.

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restores gray hair in from three to ten days in every instance. We warrant it.

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makes dry and brash hair moist and glossy without, however, making it sticky, as other dirty articles of this kind do. Pomades and oils may be used, if desired, with this preparation, without impairing its usefulness.

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Toilet Sets, English and American Soaps, Hair Brushes, Combs, &c. Call and examine at

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dec 2

Alexandria, Feb. 3, 1872.

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feb 3-1m
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sep 19-1y

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nov 8

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jan 18

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jan 25

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dec 12

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dec 19

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