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A Visit to Wind Cave.

After a drive of about half an hour from Hot Springs, the road ran for a considerable distance along a high ridge, from which we were able to view the country for miles around. In front were the Black Hills, among which we had no difficulty in recognizing Harney Peak, rising high above other eminences. To our right, looking through Buffalo Gap, we could see far over into the Bad Lands about 80 miles distant. To our left the ridges near Fort Robinson were distinctly visible. On the whole it was a charming and beautiful view, such as can be obtained only under the most favorable conditions. So novel and picturesque were our surroundings that we did not heed how the time passed until the driver called attention to the new hotel being built near Wind Cave. And then it was that we found ourselves close to our journey's end—in one respect, but in another really at the beginning of a long and delightful tramp. Arriving at the entrance to the cave we proceeded to don the regulation costume, which is prescribed for all visitors, without regard to age, sex, or previous condition. It may be interesting to add that this costume is sufficient to meet the brightest dreams of the most enthusiastic advocates of a reform in feminine attire. Thus provided with garments made with a view to usefulness rather than to beauty and having lighted our candles we were ready to enter a strange land; and the more so since, after having emerged into the sunlight, the experience encountered in that maze of passages and chambers, the labyrinth of windings, the novel and sometimes grotesque appearance of the formations, the strangely blended colors, the rocks that ring like highly tempered metal, all these and many other recollections, though vividly impressed upon the mind, have after all, the strange reality of a dream. The guides take a supply of water and candles, and thus equipped for the journey we descend by several flights of stairs far down into the earth.

For a long distance the way was through a narrow, high passage, hewn, who knows how, through the living rock. We hurry on and soon come to the "Post Office," a large room so named for the peculiar box like formations which cover the walls on every side. But our way does not lead entirely through spacious rooms and broad high passages. After wriggling through "Irish Misery" one is the better able to appreciate the beauties of Monte Cristo's palace, and the magnificence of what is called the old count's diamonds. The latter is a cluster containing myriads of pure quartz crystals, but they flash in the candle light in a manner strongly suggestive of real diamonds. Then we wind our way through winding passages to the "Tabernacle," which is a very large and very high room. Our stay in this room is prolonged, for we are charmed by the beauties met on every hand. Blue box and lattice work, wrought in every conceivable manner, cover the sides, while long strings of crystalized gypsum hang down from the rocks and is very appropriately named "cotton." Climbing up a narrow, winding, natural stairway, we pass through "Alpine Scenery," and then on to the "Fair Grounds." The latter is the largest chamber so far discovered in the cave and while it is not so high as some of the other rooms, it nevertheless attracted considerable attention. The roof of this room is covered with a smooth rock closely resembling plaster. In one end of the room are found the beautiful frost work, specimens of which we had so often seen. The rocks are entirely covered with them and many having fallen, lie in heaps upon the floor. The colors of those frostworks blend gradually from the purest white to a lovely pink, and to be fully appreciated should be seen as they hang upon the rocks.

We had now been five hours in the cave and were beginning to feel tired. So after resting a while, reluctantly we retraced our steps. The guide said it was four miles from the mouth of the cave to the farthest point we went and it certainly seemed so to us. The return was uneventful as it lay over the same route by which we had entered. We traversed only a part of one of the thirteen different routes that have so far been explored, but yet we were tired and had seen wonders of which we had never dreamed. The whole country seems to be completely honey-combed with caverns that will require many years yet to fully explore. After partaking of a hearty meal at the Wind Cave hotel the party returned to Hot Springs fully satisfied with the days work and vowing to again visit Wind Cave at the first opportunity.

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