

muddy road, but she was quite past caring much about it. "Perhaps I shall find it on my way back to-morrow," she whispered to her husband, who only gave a compassionate smile in answer. As if it would not be buried feet deep in mud by that time!

Poor little girl! She looked more fit for bed than anything else when we arrived at last, benumbed with cold and speechless from fatigue; but she and her husband were forced to take the eight a.m. stage back next morning, so there was nothing for it but for them to visit the caves that night.

We took things more quietly, and revived sufficiently during the evening to be entertained by some of the experiences of our landlord, specially with reference to the time when he lived at Cave City, whence the stages run.

There are two routes through these caves, the long and the short route. The former is only opened during the two or three summer months, as the water in the river is too high at other times to allow visitors to penetrate to some parts of the cave. The long route gives fourteen to sixteen miles of walking, and entails a nine hours' expedition. The short route goes over some seven or eight miles, and can be done in three or four hours.