

A door has recently been placed upon the entrance to this cave, which is kept locked; the key, however, may be obtained at request from the owner of the property, who lives close by. It seems that the cave was fast becoming sacked by the numerous adventurers who visited it, who besides taking away the best and largest of the beautiful stalactites with which the cave at one time was richly adorned, also took delight in breaking up and leaving scattered on the floors all they could reach with stick or hammer.

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### SPRINGS.

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When water reaches to the bottom of the surface-beds that are permeable, and collects in hollows there, owing to the uneven surface of the water-bearing rock below, if these surface-beds, which we may regard as sand or gravel, are themselves uneven, or rest on a sloping foundation, we shall occasionally have springs obtainable by digging a well into the hollows at the bottom of the gravel itself, or at the point where the gravel capping terminates.

If there is no natural opening, and the circumstances are such that the water is forced to accumulate till it rises to some underground outlet, then our artificial well, although in dry seasons occasionally emptied by pumping, will be constantly refilled every shower, at a faster or slower rate, according to the nature of the gravel and sand, and the facility it offers for the transmission of water. Wherever the rock immediately beneath the soil consists of any thickness of gravel, or rolled blocks of stone, or of fragments of rock, allowing water to pass freely between and amongst them, there we may expect to obtain water near the surface, derived from this source; but we must also expect that in a dry summer, or if any quantity of water is removed at all, approaching to the quantity supplied by the rain-fall of the district, the supply will fail sooner or later. Such supplies may exist at any level, and are as often at the tops of hills as in valleys. They are very common, and only require that the water level should not be too deep to be accessible. Wells sunk in such material are not generally very costly, and may be repeated in any part of the deposit, and it will often happen that the quantity, and even quality, of the water will vary a good deal at different points.

Where water does not well out of the earth from such surface-beds as gravel, we may still often find it where a clayey rock is intersected on the side of a hill, provided there is a permeable rock above it. For this, however, certain geological conditions are necessary, which we cannot attempt to explain here.

Every man is said to have three characters—the one he professes to have, the one he himself thinks he has, and the one he really has. The last is not always equal to the other two.

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