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cavity, is an opening, horseshoe shaped, scalloped, about five feet in diameter, and considerably obscured by the overhanging rock. From the body of the cave the passage leading from this opening takes a direction at an angle of about 25° to the right. Its entire length is about 270 feet, height between 4 and 5 feet, and width the same. The floor is rough and covered with small fragments of rock of various sizes and from the ceiling hang many small stalactites. At the inner terminus of this passage is an opening more or less circular, about 20 feet in diameter and the rock over it is concave, and fully 15 feet in height. Stones thrown into this well or cavity give rise to a loud, rumbling noise. Its depth is 37 feet, and the bottom measured 9 feet by 30 feet, on either side of which are two openings, one 5 feet by 12 feet, 22 feet in depth, the other 2 feet by 3 feet and 45 feet in depth. The floors of these lower cavities are covered with fine sand and on every side are to be seen beautiful stalactites. On the right and left of the main passage of this well are to be observed several smaller passages which, from their narrowness, are entered with difficulty. The entire cavern presents a water-worn appearance more or less smooth on the surfaces, of a light gray color, and considerably excavated at intervals. Here and there in each chamber, particularly from the ceilings, are to be seen rough projecting portions of rock of various shapes and composed chiefly of quartzite, pyroxene, serpentine, iron pyrites, and various mineral ingredients peculiar to the Crystaline Laurentian limestone formations. In many parts of the cave, the walls, particularly those to the right of each chamber entered, were covered with moderately uniform sheets of carbonate of lime. The cavern is entered by descending on talus or broken rock; this is succeeded by a floor partly flat, smooth and presenting also a waterworn appearance. Generally speaking, the floor is uneven and strewed with fragments of rock of various sizes, more or less mixed up with broken stalactites and shelved portions of carbonate of lime. The entire cave, excepting the entrance, is perfectly devoid

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