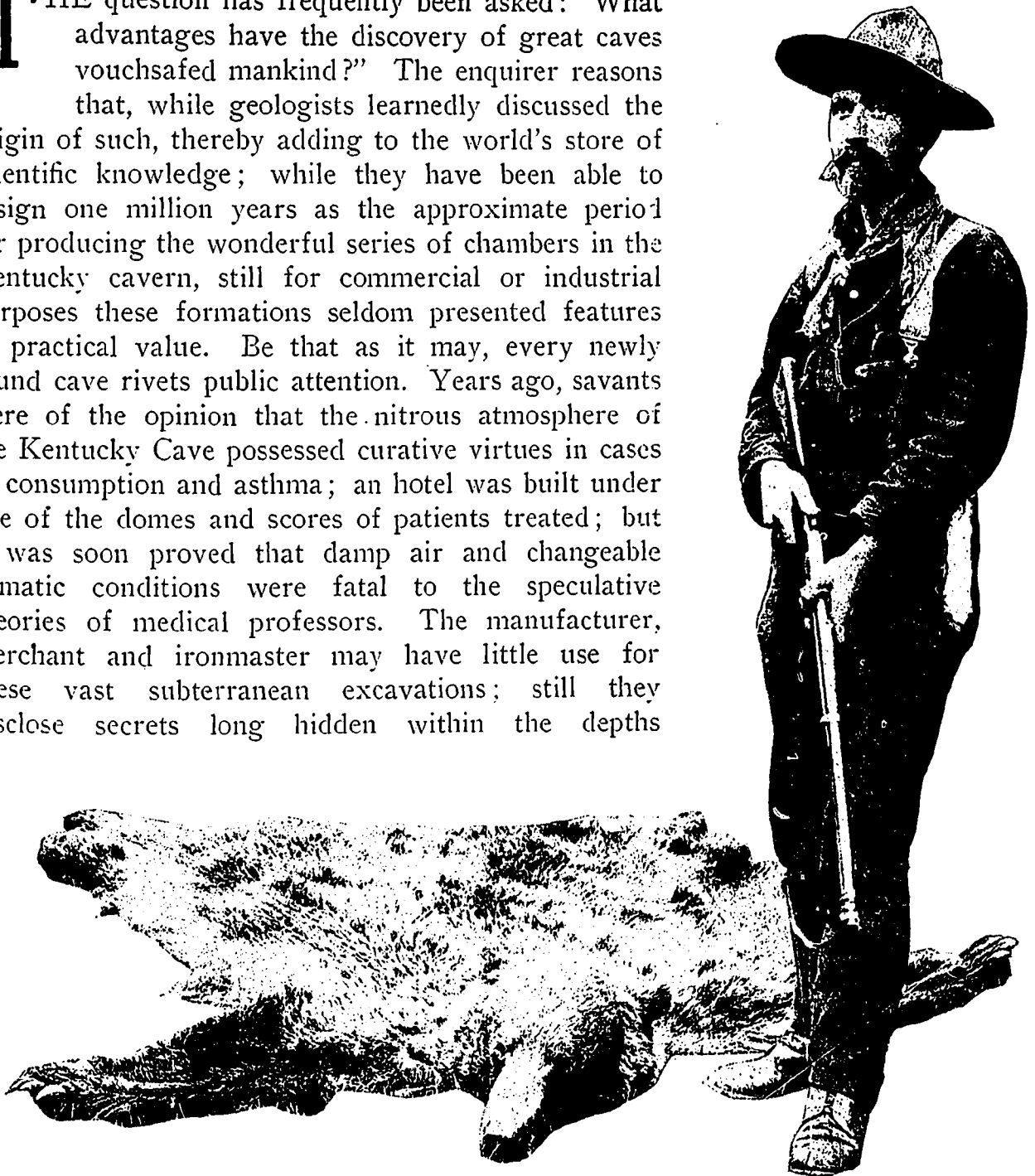


Marble Caves in British Columbia.

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THE question has frequently been asked: "What advantages have the discovery of great caves vouchsafed mankind?" The enquirer reasons that, while geologists learnedly discussed the origin of such, thereby adding to the world's store of scientific knowledge; while they have been able to assign one million years as the approximate period for producing the wonderful series of chambers in the Kentucky cavern, still for commercial or industrial purposes these formations seldom presented features of practical value. Be that as it may, every newly found cave rivets public attention. Years ago, savants were of the opinion that the nitrous atmosphere of the Kentucky Cave possessed curative virtues in cases of consumption and asthma; an hotel was built under one of the domes and scores of patients treated; but it was soon proved that damp air and changeable climatic conditions were fatal to the speculative theories of medical professors. The manufacturer, merchant and ironmaster may have little use for these vast subterranean excavations; still they disclose secrets long hidden within the depths



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