From there we saw passages leading in every direction. Our first ball of twine ran out on us in this room & while I was tying the second ball of string to the end of the first, J. M. Moore went on an exploring trip by himself, but not out of hearing. He returned in a few minutes and reported that he had found a few small stalactite. We then stretched the string about 100 feet down the avenue to the east & come to a branch in the passage. Leaving the string at the junction of the passages J. M. Moore took the left and I took the right passage promising not to get out of hearing of each other. After I went about 20 feet I told J. M. Moore to stay where he was until I got back. I went a short distance and turned to the right coming unexpectedly on the small stalactites that J. M. Moore found a few minutes before. I then returned to the string & we started to explore for depth. I broke a rock out the way & we went down into a room that we named "Turtle Room". From there we kept on down to the left until we come into a room that we could not see any way out of except the way we come in. We finaly found a hole that we could get down, by breaking a few rocks out of the way. After I broke the rocks out of the hole J. M. Moore went down about 10 feet and found the hole again filled with loose rock. He broke the rocks out of the way and went down as far as he could get, (about 10 feet), making 20 feet in all, & then returned to me. We started out, but I found a hole to the left (after we got about 15 feet) that lede down. Breaking our way for about 4 feet we climbed down about 20 feet and then had to break out a few more stone. After getting the stones out of our way, we climbed down about 40 feet more & found the passage blocked up again, (so tight that we could not break it out with the hammer), so we returned to "Turtle Room" & found a passage leading down from there. We went down about 60 feet all told & had to break out 2 holes to get through. We then returned to the room that our first ball of twine ran out in and found a large passage leading to the right, (as we go in) but left it for future exploration, as we had but a little condles & not any string. Elmer was at home when we got out of the cave

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