



A Description of Howe's Cave: With a Popular Treatise on the Formation of Caves in Lime Rock, from the Size of a Quill to a Mammoth (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from A Description of Howe's Cave: With a Popular Treatise on the Formation of Caves in Lime Rock, From the Size of a Quill to a Mammoth Caves are found in various portions of the world and in various kinds of rock, but lime rock is their choice seat, and contain more than all other formations in the world. The primary limestone formations contain the largest number of caves, but they are limited in extent by the limited extent of the rock in which they are found, while the largest caves are found in lime rock of a much larger extent and of a more recent geological date. Having now glanced at the rock in which the largest and most numerous caves are found, let us now look at the tools or agents with which nature performs her work, and see how from such simple means such wonderful results are produced. The direct and indispensable agent employed is water, and the incidental are sand or gravel which operate by mechanical action, which consists in wearing away the rock with...



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