| LOST IN A CAVE. |
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| The Hannibal, Mo., Courier says: Some |
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mouth of an extensive cave had been unmouth of an extensive cave had been unbal. Since its discovery it has been a faverite resort for boys, who have daily made
explorations of the vast subterranean labs rinth. Yesterday, however, an expedition was organized to explore the cave, the ad ventures of which are destined to give the newly-diecovered cavern local fame and history that will not soon be forgotten.
Tho lads composing the party were five in number, from 12 to 13 years old.
The boys entered the cave about 10 with a small bit of candle two or three melees long, all burning at once, and the through the silent depths very marched hapough the silent depths very gaily and ing for strange scenes. Our heroes had determined to make a thorough exploration of the unknown cavern, and went on, and the rocks until their candles had nearly burned out, and when they attempted to return they found themselves in the condition of the five foolish virgins, and wore
let in total darkness to grope and craw amid mu
rooks,
Nobs of the parents of the boys missed
them until late in the evening, and upon them until late in the evening, and upon
Inquiry of some of their playmates it was ascertained that they lad gone into the they had not been heard of or seen. About five o'clock last evening the alarm was
given that five boys were lost in the cave, and in a short time a large crowd, estimated at five hundred to six hundred persons, wa
gathered about its mouth, among them the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, vela terrible suspense, and shedding many bitand painful hours of search can be better imagined than here described. pore the cavern, and as they would return with no tidings of the lost ones many pa-
rent's heart wore filled with anguish, and all manner of horrid deaths were conjure who were thus buried alive. Small persons for the lost ones, as, owing to the formation of the rifer, it is impossible for a large
person to squeeze through in many places, and money was freely offered for volunteers for the one who should bring out a seward Several parties returned from the cavern without gaining any trace of the boys, and the hours of suspense seemed like days
midnight was a pprosching, and still a large and anxious crowd stood around the dread opening, a dies, Candles were furnished in
many ladies. Cone abundance, while balls of twine were pro-
viced and led in through the windings the cave to afford a guide for those who took in with him, in his first exploration, a paint pot and brush, with which be marked arrows on the rocks pointing toward the
mouth of the cave. These precautions enway out. party of ave was organized for the ne twine, six balls of which had been used in tracing the windings of the cave. Here
they discovered the tracks of the lost boys who had crawled through a very small ce-
vice. Charles McDaniel here took the lead and after emwlivg some distance through he called out, when firm the dark, un spoon, which he nays wounded file the the squeak of a mouse. He crawled on atlI and louder rented again, when a nearer crawled forward beyond him with a bull's-eyo light which voice exclaim: "Oh, I see a light." Soon he ought sight of the little fellows
all huddled together in two vast rock other in an opening between above, with barely roomer for them to to stretched out, but too low for them to oven width in mont places it was barely suffleien co admit of the passage of one at a time. As he came near them, and the boys caught
sight of his face, Dana McDaniel claimed, "O, thank God, there is brother!" and the little fellows shed tears and painful pletely exhausted, and when the welcome darknean the little fellows were the awful an open space where they could lie down together and sleep.
trass Daniel Shelly was driving along since his attention was attracted to a deer coming through the mire toward him at a alow pace, Springing from the wagon he to nock. Nelsen in ar na around trance they secured the animal and took it it died shortly after, having been run down by the doge.

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