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that is so nicely represented in the picture. The canyon itself  
is influence by this structural overturn and the canyon conforms  
to the east-west trend of the overturn axis. Cannot but help  
feel that the structural geology of the north side of this canyon  
has more effect upon the floral growth than does exposure. Here  
the beds are highly dipping to the north and east and their  
outcroppings present a somewhat varied and more rocky type  
of hillside surface. The south side, in turn, are conforming to  
the bedding planes and are not influence by so many different  
lithological types of rocks. Here the exposure & geology overweighs  
the effects of equal altitude and probably equal temperature.  
Rocks are mainly limestone & sandy limestones of the Mississippian  
and Pennsylvanian age. After setting up camp we took  
a short walk up the canyon for about one mile. Examined a  
recent hogger digging among oaks and 15 feet up side hill on  
north side of canyon. On this short walk was forcefully presented  
to me the extreme overgrazed condition of the canyon in general. It  
was really a critical situation. At 6:20 the sun left the  
area around our station. At 7:45 the night hawks were observed  
flying about. Fourteen mourning doves flew up canyon at 7:50 P.M  
while only 2 were observed to go down canyon. It would appear that  
the general movement is up-canyon. Tonight at 8:00 P.M set out  
48 traps in my first established research area no. 4-8-2-39. This  
experiment was to determine the population and territorial  
range of the Merotis in a certain plot inside of fenced area  
some 300 feet below Rhodes Cabin. The plan was to mark  
off a square with 15 foot sides or 225 sq feet in the pasture  
land where the Merotis appeared to be congregated in abnormal  
numbers. The plot was placed in what appeared to represent  
an area of average activity of Merotis. The object of the  
experiment was to find out if possible whether these merotis that  
appeared to be infesting the field, had territories and if they  
did, to what extent. These numbers were to be checked upon  
as well as their activity and hours of feeding. This abnormal  
congregation could not be explainable unless it was due to destruction  
of all merotis habitat outside of the fence enclosure. The  
cattle wandered up and down the canyon floor, using it as a  
cattle highway, which in turned had destroyed practically all  
merotis habitats, that had not already been destroyed by the  
erosions of the canyon floor. These forms may have resorted  
to the little remaining grasses in this pasture or again the  
protection offered within the enclosure could account for their