

without costume, governors, mayors, lowly native farmers, children until they struck to me in all sides, etc. etc. The cave was the most interesting however, It is a large one indeed and should be made available to the public. It is many times larger than Trump cave but does not have as delicate a formation of stalagmites. From the entrance issued a river (about 500 gal + more a second) which is a most gorgeous greenish blue in color. This cave has never been explored and will prove to be one of the biggest and longest in the world. At about dusk the bats start to leave and for 3 hours or so they stream out of the cave at about 150 per second. It is a site to really behold. For twelve days I collected from a bat net placed near the entrance of the cave. The first night I blocked off about 30% of the entrance and at dusk the owls and bats almost ran away <sup>with</sup> the net. It is remarkable with hundreds of thousands of bats flying out of the cave and you standing right in the way, that they are able to evade you. I was never hit once by a bat. 15 kinds were taken from this cave while another cave only 200 feet away produced only one species in great numbers.

After the twelfth day I was glad to leave and the people were sorry to see me go. but I was getting tired of having 20 people crowded around the table while I washed or ate my meals. nor will I forget the children playing all day with the knife-edged cane that I would throw out, although I did try to help them cutting them as smoothly as possible. On the first night I went to the toilet and used cotton which at that moment was the most