

that in advancing the vault of the cavern becomes so low, that persons who are desirous of continuing their road are obliged to lie flat in a boat and be pushed through this narrow passage, where the water almost touches the roof; but after having passed this part of the vault, the arch rises to a considerable height, and continues so for some distance, when it sinks again so low as to touch the water, and where the cavern ends. The source of the rivulet which issues from it sometimes encreases considerably: it transports and heaps up a great quantity of sand in one part of the cavern, which is formed like a kind of alley, whose direction is different from that of the principal cavern.

In Carniola, near Potpechio, is a very spacious cavern, in which is a large lake. Near Adelsperg is a cavern, in which we may travel two German miles, and where very deep precipices are to be met with.* There are also large caverns and beautiful grottos under the mountains of Mendip, in Wales; mines of lead are found near these caverns, and whole oaks at fifteen fathoms deep. In the county of Gloucester there is a very large cavern, called Pen Park-hole, at the bottom of which there is
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* See Act. erud. Lips. anno. 1689, page 558.