

mount Parnassus

The cavern is inaccessible from above, and from the plain below is attained by a series of ladders bolted to the precipitous rock. 1st ladder is 45 feet long, the 2^d is rested on a narrow shelf of rock, as is also the 3^d which leads to a trap door opening into an outer guard room, loop-holed for musketry. Behind this a broad terrace 60 feet long with parapet wall embossed for cannon, within is the natural cave entered under the arch of rock 30 feet high, from which rock steps lead to an upper cave with many small grottoes affording ample accommodation and quite dry. one of the grottoes is filled up as an oratory a rill of pure water gives a constant supply from the snowy summit of the mountain. The upper ladder drawn up & only lowered when needed, the cave was unapproachable being elevated 1000 feet above the plain.

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