

ODS AND ENDS.

AN UNDERGROUND CITY.

Russians Discover a Town Hid in the Bowels of the Earth.

The Russians have made a singular discovery in Central Asia. In Turkestan, on the right bank of the Amou Daria, is a chain of rocky hills near the Bokharan town of Karli, and a number of large caves, which upon examination were found to lead to an underground city, built apparently long before the Christian era. In Popular Science News we find the following description of this singular city:

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The underground Bokharan city is a little over a mile long, and is composed of an enormous labyrinth of corridors, streets and squares, surrounded by houses and other buildings two or three stories high. The edifices contain all kinds of domestic utensils, pots, urns, vases and the like. In some of the streets falls of earth and rock have obstructed the passages, but generally the visitor can walk about without so much as lowering his head.

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