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Then from the bottom they have a new trail over here to unite with the Bright ~~Angel~~ Angel trail. You go down ~~that~~ and come up the Bright Angel Trail; you could do that in three days. There'd be lots of people. But that's as grand a trail as anywhere. The only thing that would ~~up~~ up north up the Box Canyon where it goes through the gorge. Then you get out on the North Rim. That's the good ~~g~~ trail. Interesting waterfalls. There are a good many interesting things about that area. There's a phone line all the way across the ~~Trail~~ Trail. Every few miles there is a phone. One line.

You asked how they got hold of me. I was camping down there and they got hold of me through the phone and asked me to come back up. And go and help with the rescue.

(Now if you did ~~take~~ this down here can we get off somewhere?)

Well there is other scenery just as good. Over here see this Hopi Point -- marvellous at sunset. Lots of people there at sunset. I've only seen it once. But over here is the Hermit Trail. Very good trail, used to be. That takes you down and winds around. Here is Hermit Camp, but at the time of the First World War they cut the ~~cable~~ cable that they used to use to put stuff down there so it is lying somewhere in the woods.

From there you are right on the Tonto. I showed you a picture that showed you this trail coming up here up through the Red Wall. You are right on the Tonto. Good trail.

There's another trail, the Dripping Spring Trail which is not in very good shape but it connects with the Boushe Trail and the Boushe Trail. I'll show you what I've done twice. I've left my pack either, down on the Tonto at Hermit Camp here or over here on the Boushe Trail and I've taken the walk up this Boushe Trail across here and back down to the Tonto. Takes you up above the Red Wall. Wonderful round trip. Good all the way except where the Boushe Trail goes through the Red Wall and here the Boushe Trail disappears. You have to bushwack your way but it is not difficult. See how the Red Wall disappears right there? ~~W~~ The Old Trail went through it but now they have bushes all around so you go up through thick bushes and you have to watch carefully. Or if you are going down you probably can't watch because you have to go pretty fast. Fairly steep but not the least bit dangerous. That I made in a one day trip without my stuff. Both ways. The biggest problem in it actually is is over here there is a place where this trail disappears as animals have gone, and you ~~may~~ have to watch because you'll be where you can go very easily and then you'll get to where there are steep gorges. If you're too high up you have a gorge to go down, down up, down up. If you are too low down it will be too steep but in between there will be a place where there is a good trail. It's sometimes hard to find but with five of you ~~x~~ you should have no trouble.

That's the trip we made on our honeymoon. Of course we took 11 days at that. We took it easy= I carried all the stuff and we went from Hermit down to here where there was a good spring, and then we went over here on Dripping Spring Trail and camped there. Then we went down this Boushe Trail. Then we made our way back on the Tonto to Hermit Camp. Then from Hermit Camp you could follow the Tonto Trail clear around here about 20 miles and it brings you back to the main trail ==Indian Gardens.