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MOORE'S MADNESS

We have finally gotten some dope on Moore's Madness, Baker Rock. This rock, you will remember, is reached from West Virginia highway 28 between Petersburg and Moorefield by a private road that finally passes through a gap in the rock. The Madness is a climb up the end of the rock slab just south of this road. If you were on the slab to the north you might trace out the climb somewhat as represented by the letters in the figure.

The section MO is a ladder with adequate piton protection available. Ledge R is reached by crossing an outwardly sloping slab OO under an overhang. For this, the leader is recommended to take advantage of a high protecting piton. From R, platform E 3 ft. x 6 ft. is reached. From the right-hand end of this platform one gains elbow ledge SM. The left end of this takes the first of the seven pitons used to protect the 65 ft. pitch MADNE. The top pitch ESS is easy.

The 250 ft. climb took six hours and Ray would have gladly tarried to put

