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COMMENTS:

Brief note stating that Chetro Ketl was rescued by two Navajos who diverted the stream.

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DAM SAVES PUEBLO FROM ENEMY STREAM

A TREACHEROUS little stream that flowed down a cliffside and threatened to destroy the prehistoric ruins of Chetro Ketl, in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, has been foiled by a dam which forces the stream to take another course. Rescuing of the valuable pueblo ruins was done by two Navajos, by the direction of the University of New Mexico and the School of American Research, which conducted new researches at the site this summer. The stream has been undermining the pueblo for years and has caused serious curvature in some of the walls.

The latest excavations at Chetro Ketl show that the pueblo was a story taller than has been supposed, and that it stood five stories tall in its prime. This discovery gives Chetro Ketl the distinction of being the largest pueblo in the canyon, even larger than the Pueblo Bonito, which also was a five-story settlement.

BOTANICAL CLEARING HOUSE

THE Committee on State Archaeological Surveys of the National Research Council, announces that arrangements have been made with the Museum of Anthropology of the University of Michigan for the establishment of a clearing house and identification center for botanical specimens discovered in the course of archaeological excavations. The service has been made possible through the cooperation of Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore, a specialist in ethnobotany, who is curator of the division of ethnology.