

Power of Imagination.

THE STORY OF A SNAKE

The following incident, which happened to the writer some long years ago, is so full of a thrilling nature as to...

While sauntering on one morning through an orange grove bordering on one of the bayous of Louisiana, and where the warning hiss and rattle of that most venomous and deadly species of the reptile tribe are not frequently heard...

I did not long thus, however, before I was awakened by the sense of a cold pressure about my neck. I glanced downward to ascertain the cause of my disturbance, when, oh, horror! What met my gaze but a huge rattlesnake, lying with his head resting as complacently and as serenely as one can imagine, upon the back of my hand, which I had carelessly thrown across my breast...

I thought that while there was life there was hope at least, and setting my wits to work, I began devising schemes by which I might make a coup d'etat on his snakeship and effect an escape from my impending doom. Ah! the thought struck me!

Could I but seize my hand down into my pocket, my possession of the knife, and by a rapid movement sever the head from the body, I would be free!

There was but one recourse left me, and that was to be perfectly quiet, and let events develop themselves; perhaps some one would chance to pass this way and frighten the monster away.

I was doomed to disappointment at this time also, as my anticipated rescue was nothing more than a powerless hope, which passed by within a few paces of where I lay, unaware and unconscious as to the agony under which I was suffering.

I had by this time grown very weak; my blood seemed to be getting colder as cold as that of the snake itself, and I lay there perfectly powerless, and as if it were, dying by inches—starting gasps of air from the face, while his hand encircled my throat.

A work recently published in England, on "Waste Products" and their utilization, contains some curious and amusing matters. The statistics concerning the killing and dead, are especially remarkable.

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The liberated locusts at first spend a few days in merrily singing songs of rejoicing over their advent to a new existence, the noise made by them in some localities being almost deafening, although not particularly unpleasant.

Job Givens is from the lumber region of Wisconsin, and until yesterday, says a St. Louis paper, had never eaten an oyster.

A very funny incident occurred a few days since at a certain store in the city. It is too good to be lost. One of our compositors has written a very pretty song entitled "Kiss me."

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