HOW CERTAIN MEN ACQUIRE A POWER OVER SERPENTS.

Smake Charming, as Explained by Those Who Practice It—How Sunkes are Caught and Trained. To the majority of people the power possessed by snake-charmers is so mysterious as to partake plainly of the "black Part of this credulity has its origin in the instinctive human fear of a be put through a course of training as a snake and shrinking from its touch. For tame snake, investigation goes to show that the snake-charmers' "magie" is, even in its most remarkable manifestations, a very simple matter. It should be remembered in the first place that a very large class of snakes are perfectly harmless. They seldom bite, and even when they do the wound inflicted is as innocent as one made by the milk teeth of a babe.

But there is unquestioned testimony to show that the snake-charmers of India and Egypt and other Oriental countries do perform with serpents of the most venomous class. In our own country, too, we have had the rattlesnake on exevery word and motion of its keeper. The rattlesnake, be it remembered, is one of the great deadly snakes of the being classed with the coral snake of Central America, the horner asp of Egypt, and the cobra di capello of The question is, whether these dangerous reptiles are not by some means rendered innocuous before their "charmers" attempt to take their usual liberties with them. There is reason to believe that this is generally the case. If many persons would be found unable to describe a snake's method of locomotion, a still larger number cal tooth-pulling. Two of the keepers at would be wholly at sea in defining its the London zoological gardens, coming old belief, founded no doubt on the fact that many snakes have tails terminating in a pointed, horny spine. A still larger class of persons believe

forked tongue. For this mistaken idea and the poor man-now sober enoughthe poets and artists are largely respon-sible. The references to the "venomed tongue" of serpents in literature are innumerable, and almost all pictures of venomous snakes portray them with open mouth and long, protruding tongue thrust out like a pitchfork to wound any rash individual that may approach within its range. The snake, however, usually stows away its tongue in a clothed sheath in the lower part of its mouth when it distends its jaws. This organ is its hand, its sense of touch, and is guarded from every possible injury. Were you to watch a snake gliding through the grass you would see its thin, parted tongue protruding about an inch and a half from a slit In its closed lips and moving from side to side with the utmost quickness, feeling every part of the way as the rep tile glided on. This tongue serves the same purpose of protection to its owner that her whiskers do to a cat, or its antennse to an insect. It is of soft flesh, tapering to two points as fine as hair, and, says a writer on ophiology, "no more venomous than a lady's tongue, perhaps even less so."

The snake does not sting. It bites; and this with a pair of very sharp teeth, called fangs. These fangs are situated at the front extremity of the upper jaw, and fold back upon the jaw like a claspwidely to strike, the action lifts the teeth The fangs are hollow, and through them The fangs are hollow, and through them is forced by the muscular act of biting a drop or two of the deadly poison which is secreted by the salivary glands in the back part of the jaw. Before snakes were used for the purposes of charmers these fangs are removed. To be sure they grow again immediately, as nature provides much more carefully for the preservation of the lower than the higher species, and in three weeks the reptile is as dangerous as ever. This renders necessary a periodical removal of the fangs, which is not a difficult operation, as, holding the snake firmly by the loose skin at the back of the head, the jaws are forced open, and the venemous teeth can be extracted in an instant, with a pair of pliers. It also makes necessary a taming of the reptile, so as to make it amenable to its keeper's voice and touch. Snakes are possessed of a very low grade of intelligence, but they can be tamed, and when their instinctive fear of injury from the presence of man is removed, they manifest no tendency to injure him; for the disposition of a snake to bite is its instinct of self-preservation only, so inherent that a viper just hatched from the egg, will resent a rude touch with a anap of its small jaws. The snake is a trodden upon or otherwise hurt or frightened, will never attack man or other animal, but hurriedly escapes from their presence.

In tropical and newly-settled countries where they abound they will often seek the abodes of men, it is true, but this is always in search of food or warmth, or perhaps from a curiosity to learn the nature of these intruders upon their hitherto lonely haunts. If unmolested, they will depart without harming any one. This is proved by universal testimony. But they are so timid that noise, or any movement on the part of one near them, is taken as a threatened attack. and quick as lightning comes the defensive blow of the deadly fangs.

An Arab who some twenty years ago showed some remarkable feats of charming with the snakes in the zoological garden in London, made a very frank statement to Dr. Woods of his methods, admitting that there was no magic in them, only courage and a thorough understanding of snake nature. The method of catching the snakes was to draw them by the music of a pipe, or a low whist-ling sound, from their retreats. Though snakes have no outside ears, and those under their skins are but imperfectly developed, they have a distinct perception of sound, and some species, especially the cobra, are very susceptible to music. The whistling is confessedly an attempt to imitate a sound made by the snake itself, which is thought to be a call to its mate. The reptile thus allured forth from its retreat advances toward the charmer, drawing its body half erect and

nature of the strange sound, or from a desire to strike at the disturber of its peace. It is this movement which is usually described as the snakes "dancing" to the music. The musician does not remain in one spot but moves about rapidly. thus accelerating the dancing movement of the reptile. In the meantime the charmer's assistant advances cautiously and quickly from behind, and, seizing the snake by the tail, or by the back of the head, thrusts it into a bag, and it is taken away to have its teeth pulled and

In India these professional charmers are employed to clear houses and gardens of reptiles. A number of instances are given in books of Indian life wherein the 'charmer' performance has been found to be pure imposture, being simply the catching of tame snakes with which he himself had "salted" the premises. The caught reptiles were marked, and thus recognized in different localities. But notwithstanding these cases of fraud, there are a sufficient number of attested cases to prove that the charmers do capture the untamed reptiles, and instances wherein, like the Arab mentioned, the hibition, perfectly tame, and obedient to performer has frankly explained his modus operandi-without the least attempt to claim the magical powers in which the ignorant Hindoos so firmly believe. It is the courage and dexterity of these men which is marvelous. Their absolute fearlessness, combined with quickness and gentleness, does give them an immunity from peril that would be impossible to one less trained.

The keepers of snakes in museums often acquire the same power, but none know better than they in what peril they use it, although the creatures in their care are obliged to submit to a periodimode of inflicting its deadly wound, or in one morning pretty drunk, thought "sting," as it is usually called. A few that, "just for a tark," they would move persons may be found in Chicago to-day who suppose that a snake's "sting" is in its tail. This is the survival of a very habit inducing them to exercise that carefulness that their boozy condition might cause them to forget, when one of them, finding a large cobra unusually A still larger class of persons believe torpid, shook it violently. In an instant, the snake's agent of mischief to be his the sharp fangs were buried in his cheek, said to his companion, "I'm a dead man, Bill." He was taken as quickly as possible to the hospital, but in an hour was a livid corpse. - Inter-Ocean.

Why Eyes Shine. Swan M. Burnett, M. D., says in Popular Science Monthly: Place a child f(because the pupils of children are large), and by preference a blonde, at a distance of ten or fifteen feet from a lamp which is the only source of light in a room, and cause it to look at some object in the direction of the lamp, turning the eye you wish to look at slightly toward the nose. Now, put your own eye close behind the lamp-flame, with a card between it and the flame. If you will then look close by the edge of the flame covered by the card into the eye of the child, you will see, instead of a perfectly black pupil, a reddish-yellow circle. If the eye happens to be hypermetropic, you will be able to see the red reflex when your own eye is at some distance to one side of the flame.

This is the true explanation of the luminous appearance of the eyes of some animals when they are in comparative obscurity. It is simply the light reflected from the bottom of their eyes, which is generally of a reddish tinge on account of the red blood in the vascular layer of knife. When the snake opens its mouth the choroid bach of the semi-transparent retina, and not light that is generated but the observer must be in the light, and somewhat in the relative position indicated in the above-described experiment-that is, the eye of the observer must be on the same line with the light and the observed eye. The eyes of nearly all animals are hypermetropic, most of them very highly so, so that they send out the rays of light which have entered them in a very diverging man-

How to Tame a Rat.

Police Captain Charles McDonnell was walking through South Fifth avenue at midnight, when he saw what appeared to be a small white kitten playing on the sidewalk in front of him. After a short chase he secured the animal, and by the light of a street lamp discovered, to his momentary consternation, that it was a white rat. It appeared to be perfectly tame and at home with him.

He slid it into his overcoat pocket and took it to the station house, where it was put on exhibition in a cigar box. beauty surprised all who saw it. It was pure white, had pink eyes and claws, and a shapely, tapering tail. It made a pecuhar noise, like the purring of a kitten, as it are bread and cheese from the capmost timid creature, too, and, unless tain's hand, and it held its tail erect when it was stroked.

It remained in the station house twenty-four hours before it was claimed. Then its owner, a storekeeper on South Fifth avenue, arrived and explained how rats

are tamed. "It's the easiest thing in the world." he said. "Take the most ferocious rat, throw it into a pail of water, and leave it there until it becomes exhausted and is about to drown. Then take it out, roll it in wadding, and put it in a warm When the rat come to it will evin the deepest gratitude. It will lick your hands and follow you about the house like a dog, and can be taught a number of tricks.

The police of the Prince street station are trying this experiment.-New York

## Freaks of Earthquakes.

It has been ascertained that, in many cases, these convulsions bring about profound alterations of the level of land and A large portion of the county of New Madrid, in Missouri, which was involved in a series of terrestrial disturbances, lasting for several years from 1811, was found to have sunk permanently a distance of several feet. A contrary effect was produced in 1822, on the coast of South America, where, after a violent disturbance of this character, the whole of the country between the Andes and the Pacific coast was found to have been elevated permanently to a height of from two to seven feet .- Youths' Com-

awaying it from side to side, presumably In nineteen private galleries in New from an instinct of curiosity to test the York are pictures worth \$6,009,000.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

American surabs are increasing in fa-Velvet skirts will be worn again this

summer. The "Venetian," a new waist, has

thirteen scams. Immense and diminutive collars are alike tashionable. There are eleven States in which women

vote for school directors. The wife of a Chamberlain, S. C., street car driver is worth \$300,000,

A woman started the first daily paper, in the world in 1702 in London, Waists of jersey webbing to be worn over a waistcoat of velvet are out.

An Albanian belle paints her face profusely, and her taste runs to cherry lips

and cheeks. Forty lady students are studying in the Paris hospitals, the majority of whom are Russians.

Poplin is now a favored material and bids fair to be quite as popular as it was some years ago,

Sleeves and the new French shoulder capes have still a decided tendency to fulness at the top. Short skirts of smoke gray velvet are

much worn with Louis XV. polonnises of dove gray brocade for elegant carriage New walking jackets are short, with trimmings of braid. The collar is high

and straight, the buttons small and the

sleeves full at the top. Three American ladies were conspicuous at the recent hospital bazar in London-Ladies Mandeville and Randolph Churchill and Mrs. Ronalds.

Miss Eva Mackay, daughter of the bonanza king, is at the head of a society of young ladies who go about doing what good they can among the poor of

Bohemians in Literature.

Literature is rich with the work of Bohemisus, some of whom are famous. But it was not until literature became a profession that Bohemianism became a guild. Sir Richard Steele was a perfect specimen of the literary Bohemian. Oliver Goldsmith was of the fair fraternity, but Samuel Johnson, Alexander Pope and icy Joseph Addison, were decidedly not. They were literary, but had not the divine contempt for the morrow that marks the Bohemian. Charles Lamb was perhaps not a Bohemian in the extreme meaning of the word, but by all sympathy he was justly so. Then we have Alfred de Musset, Gerard de Nerval, Privat d' Anglemont, Leopold Robert and Gavarni; Steele, Fielding, Thackeray and Ben Jonson-all, all were Bohemians. So was Old Chaucer, also, and Marlowe, Suckling, Herrick, Gay and the divine Shakspeare.

Of later day Bohemians, there are those whose history would fill volumes and whose names are legion. Poor, dead and gone, Harry Chapp, in his day was the "king of Bohemians." He died in New York, when he was counted among the foremost journalists of his period. He handled one of the most saucy and fearless pens of any of the old school of Bohemians that used to congregate at Pfaaff's, on Broadway. Harry made Pfaaf wealthy, although he him-self died poor. Clapp used to lunch there, and one day the coffee and eggs so impressed the famous Bohemian that he then and there wrote about a column puff of the caravansary, but, although a puff, it was in Clapp's best style, and he could make the rankest kind of a puff, so witty and interesting that it would be acceptable to any journal. Harry's dissertation of coffee and the articles that some of the other Bohemian journalists wrote made Pfaaff Jamous and he became rich. And now nothing is too good for a genuine member of the guild there. - St. Louis Magazine.

Armies of rats are ravaging portions of Central America. This occurs frequently in tropical climates,

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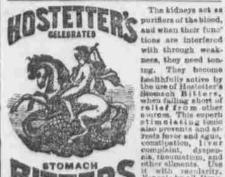
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