THE KING SNAKE.

DOES HARM TO NO ONE, BUT KILLS POISON REPTILES.

Rattlers and Copperheads Are the Prey He Loves to Tackle-He Eats a Mouse or a Toad After Each Battle to Prepare Him For the Next Encounter.

The distant mermur of the waterfall, the hum of the bees among the flowers, made me feel lazy, and, laying aside my fishing rod, I stretched myself on the soft spring grass under a weeping willow and watched the blue, cloud specked sky. I had almost fallen asleep when I was aroused by a voice inquiring. "Kotched enny fish, mister?"

Lecking up. I saw a typical moun-taineer and assured bim I had not. "I say, mister, this here is a power

ful had kentry fur sunkes. One bit Jim Sloan's bay mare last night, an week afore last another bit Sally Milligan. Some on 'em air powerful pizen, specially the rattlers an coppers, an that 'minds me, ef I wuz yerself, I'd move a little further from that 'ere copper. He ain't zactly perty to look at, an ef ye wuz to rile 'im with yer boot he mout git victous." Long before that speech had ended I

had turned a somesault backward, which canced the mountaincer a great deal of gennine pleasure to behold. I was about to exterminate the big, sloggish reptile with a stick that I had seized when my companion asked me to wait a few moments, as a king might come along.

Not exactly understanding whether he expected a person of that name and failing to see what that event had to do with my landable desire to smash the big, ugly thing that had presomed to take my leg for a pillow, I asked him for an explanation.

"Air ft possible yer town folks danno what a king air? Why, a king air the boss snake uv the words. He don't do no harm to nuthin, 'ceptin snakes, an he don't pester them as bain't pizen. But he do love a copper an a rattler, which is the wurst snakes uv these diggin's, an he's death on 'em.

"T'other day I waz gwine long a old road, an all uv a sudden I heerd a singin as though a camp meetin had just tuck in. I knowed it wuz a rattler, an lookin round I saw him on a knoll, an a pow-erful big un he wuz. He wuz quilled up like a corkscrew, an his rattles woz a-makin the air jingle. But at first l couldn't 'scover the cause, an I knowed a rattler never got ready fur business fur nothin. Presently 1 seed the grass a-swayin an a-bendin, an then the rattler, he gets nervins an skeered, an unquillin hisself he made a break to run.

"But it wuz too late, fur on came the king like a hurricane, an puttin hisself just ahead the rattler showed him his jig wuz up. Seein he couldn't 'scape, the rattler quilled ag'in an showed fight. The king, he commenced to run round his inimy in a wide circle, the rattler watchin, lickin out his tongue an makin his rattle sing like a banjer. Closer an closer the king drawed his circle as he dashed round until he wozn't more'n three feet from the ini-

my. "Then the rattler, thinkin he saw the last show to save his bacon, made a powerful spiteful lunge at the king, an thar is whar he slipped up, fur the king he dodged, an quicker'n gunpowder wuz on to the rattler. Thar wuzn't nothin but a ball uv snakes in sight fur w minutes as they fought an tusd over the grass, but arter a little I ild see the red an black striped king band round the big rattler just like a grapevine on a tree.

"Then I seed the king hold 'im by he back uv the neck, an I could hear fin crushin the rattler as he tightened

SHE WON BEAUTIFULLY.

It Cost Bim the Better Part of a Cigar to Lexan Politeness.

They bearded an east bound Market street car at Forty-first street. It was after 1 o'clock in the morning, and he wanted to smoke, having probably just dined or supped at a ball which was being given in the neighborhood. She didn't want to smoke and she didn't want to be separated from him. "Come on inside the car," she plead-

ed. "No," he answered. "I am going to smoke. Go inside yourself, and when I have finished my cigar I will join you."

But this didn't suit her. "If you stay out here to smoke," she reforted, "I'll stay right with you." He looked at her a moment, and then

evidently concluded that she was bluffing. Pulling out a big cigar, he lighted it, and, settling himself comfortably against the dashboard of the car, he began to pull away as if his life depended upon it. Nothing daunted, she took a place alongside of him and calmly folding her arms started up a lively conversation.

The spectacle was an odd one, and attracted the attention of every passenger in the car as well as of those who got at various corners. He tried to urge her inside the car a number of times, but she refused to go. In this fashion the two rode across the bridge and half way to city hall before he weakened. The anticipated jeers of the people he knew would be on Market street in the center of the city were too much for him, and, throwing away the biggest end of his cigar, he sullenly said, "Well, if you won't go inside without me I suppose I'll have to trot along. Then he took a sent away up in the front end, and she settled herself beside him. Meanwhile the whole car smiled audibly .- Philadelphia Inquirer.

WHAT IT COSTS TO SMOKE.

A Library Which Materialized From Tabooed Five Cent Cigars.

"How can you afford all these books?" asked a young man, cailing upon a friend. "I can't seem to find spare change for even the leading magazines."

"Oh, that library is only my 'one cigar a day,' " was the reply. "What do you mean," inquired the

visitor.

"Mean? Just this: When you advised me to indulge in an occasional cigar several years ago, I had been reading about a young fellow who bought books with money that others would have borned in cigars, and I thought I would try to do the same. You may remember that I said I should allow myself one cigar a day?"

"Yes, I recall the conversation, but don't quite see the connection.' "Well, I never smoked, but I put by

the price of a 5 cent cigar every day, and as the money accumulated I bought books-the very books you see."

"You don't mean to say that your books cost no more than that! Why, there are dollars' worth of them."

"Yes, I know there are. I had six years more of my apprenticeship to serve when you advised me 'to be a man.' I put by the money, which, at 5cents a day, amounted to \$18,25 a year, or \$109.50 in six years. I keep those books by themselves as a result of my apprenticeship cigar money, and if you'd done as I did you would by this time have saved many, many more dollars than I have and would have been better off in health and self respect besides."-Success.

The Alpine Good Night.

Among the lofty mountains and elevated valleys of Switzerland the Alpine horn has another use besides that of sounding the farfamed "Ranz des Vaches, " or cow song, and this is of a very solemn and impressive nature. When the sun has set in the valley and the snowy summits of the moun tains gleam with golden light, the herds man who dwells upon the highest habitable spot takes his born and pronounces clearly and loudly through it, as through a speaking trampet, "Praise the Lord God." As soon as the sound is heard by the neighboring herdsmen they issue from their buts, take their Alpine horns and repeat the same words. This frequently lasts a quarter of an hour, and the call resounds from all the mountains and rocky cliffs around. When silence again reigns, the herdsmen kneel and pray with uncovered heads. Meantime it has become quite dark. "Good night!" at last calls the highest herdsman through his horn. The words resound from all the mountains, the horns of the herdsmen and the cliffs, and the mountaineers then re tire to their dwellings .- Pittsburg Dispatch.

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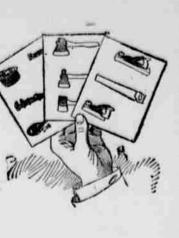
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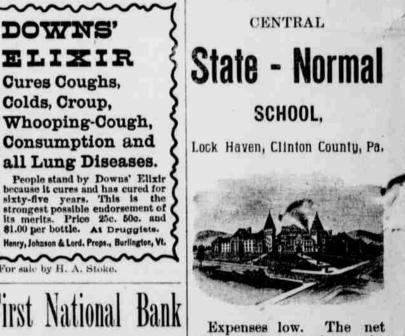


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on him. It was all over in half an hour. an the king, unwindin hisself from his victim, got behind an waited fur ten minutes. Then he crept up an put his nose on the rattler's to see if he wuz breathin. Yo see, other snakes know the king an sometimes possum on him by pretendin to be dead. "But the rattler wuz shore 'nuff gone,

an when the king wuz satisfied uv this he crawled in a old stump hole an sently came out with a mouse's tail stickin out his mouf. But he soon swallowed the mouse, an, wipin his nose on the grass, went off sarchin for more trouble. A king allers eats a rat or a toad after a fight to make him strong fur the next un.

"An now, mister, I could tell ye a powerful lot more'n that, fur I knows makes, I do, but I'll help ye kill the copper, which mout not meet a king aptil he bites some un ef we didn't, an then I must burry on after my oxen, what I wuz huntin when I seed that varmint a-tryin to go to sleep with yerself."-Philadelphia Times.

Cleanliness

One of the most important factors in maintaining bealth in good order is cleanliness. It is comprised in measures that tend to keep the organs clean and in proper order to perform all their functions. The cleanliness of the skin and the air (purity of the air) that we breaths in are essential for the proper keeping of one's health. Any impurities ant are taken in breathing find their to the blood, and thus serve so analy centers of disease and are the ause of many infectious diseases. Again, if the skin is not kept clean the purities that are to be secreted are duly accumulated in the blood and ad to give rise to severe and often ingerons disorders, such as skin dis-ses and blood poisoning.—New York

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Thrifty George Curzon.

The Hon. George Curzon, who mar-ried beautiful Miss Leiter, is decidedly canny. He recently rented a country mansion furnished, but without the family plate, and so was compelled to provide candlesticks for the house. He tried to exact from the landlord's agent a pledge that at the expiration of the ase he would take these candlesticks off his hands at two-thirds of what they cost. The agent demurred at first, but when he discovered that they were 15 in number, of japanned tin and cost 40 cents each, he solemnly agreed to pay \$4 for the lot when Curzon leaves.

Maternal Trials.

"Edie," cried the mother from the hall below, "what's all that noise up

"Ob, it's shocking." "Ob, it's these two dolls of mine, mamma. I'm going to put them right to bed and see if we can't have a little peace."—Detroit Free Press.

The principal varieties of the opal are the precious (or noble), the girasol, the cachelong, the hyalite, the hydro-phane, the asteria and a kind exhibiting the cac endsitis markings, generally called the ness. When the colors are broken into all masses, it is sometimes called the

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