

TO CATCH A RATTLER.

SIMPLY STOOP AND PICK HIM UP WITH YOUR HANDS.

If the Snake is Colled, Lay One Hand Over It and the Other Under It, and It Will Not Move to Get Away.

Some Facts About the Reptiles.

Here are some facts about snakes given by a young man who has studied them since he was ten years old.

The best way to catch a snake is to simply stoop down and pick it up, as you would a toad or a turtle.

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This young naturalist was without his antidote the first time he was bitten by a rattler.

The lesson he learned was that a quick movement in front of a rattler's eyes is most dangerous.

After putting a rattler on the floor of his room and teasing it, to make it coil and strike, this snake trainer picked it up in his hand.

There is about the same danger from the bite of a nonvenomous snake as from the bite of a dog or a cat.

Baby rattlers are fitted from the beginning with fangs and sacs of poison and are ready for business.

In the matter of food snakes vary. They cannot be treated to cold scraps of all kinds.

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MAKING SILK.

A Workman Explains Why His Forefinger Nail is Malformed.

The nail of his right forefinger was long, yellow, horny, and the finger tip had so thickened and hardened that it seemed to be covered with pale leather.

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The silk is next put on. This silk costs from \$10 to \$15 a yard.

"The brim, up to this point, is flat. Now its curling commences.

"Nevertheless hat curling is pleasant, artistic work. Hat curlers have reputations the same as artists.

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THE ASTERIA.

Interesting Data About the Magic Star Gem of Ceylon.

Familiar to some of the ancient writers and credited with supernatural powers, the asteria, or star gem, was highly valued for the benefits supposed to be conferred on the wearer.

The particular virtue attributed to this gem was the conferring upon the wearer of "health and good fortune" when worn as an amulet.

It is found in many different colors, from pale blue, pink and white to deep dark blue, ruby and purple.

The "Moorman" of Colombo, with tools as rude and simple as his forefathers used 1,000 years before, with no training or instruction except the unwritten mysteries of the craft handed down from father to son.

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THE KAREN WOMEN.

They Have Peculiar Ideas of Personal Beauty and Adornment.

Like the Siamese, the Karen women are not good to look upon and do not improve their appearance any by the style of ornaments they affect.

When very young their ears are pierced to admit a small round stick, which is gradually incised in diameter until by the time the little girls have become women their ears easily accommodate a two inch disk of blackened bamboo.

To thoroughly appreciate Japanese women one should begin the far eastern trip at the Malay peninsula, journeying thence through Siam, Anam, Cambodia and China.

Braacelets and necklaces of bamboo are the other usual ornaments, except when they can afford a narrow necklace of silver, which protects, so it is believed, against many evils that lurk about life's wayside.

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STEAMSHIP VERMIN.

The Way Ocean Liners Are Rid of Rats and Roaches.

Rat and roach catching at the steam docks and on ocean liners is one of the queer ways men have of making a living.

Once a year docks and piers are turned over to the rat catcher for a night. The man who has made a fortune at the business in New York still works with his men, for the secret of the business is his and he trusts it to no one.

Whenever an ocean liner reaches port, whether on this side or the other, it is turned over for a night to this same man.

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The Dighton "Writing Rock."

At Dighton, Mass., lying well out in the tidewater of Taunton river, is a rock of great antiquarian interest.

It is a granite boulder about eleven feet long and five feet in greatest height and is known throughout New England as the "Dighton writing rock."

"My proudest boast," said the lecturer, who expected his statement to be greeted with cheers, "is that I was one of the men behind the guns."

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