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CATCHING SNAKES IN INDIA.

menageries are always in need of snakes, and as India abounds in these reptiles, perhaps to a greater extent than any other country in the world, to India go the menagers when their stocks begin to run low. Snake hunting in India, unless one understands the trade is a perilous business, for a larger percentage of the Indian serpents are poisonous than in any other part of the globe, and even a Hindoo has no desire to die of snakebite, nor within the crushing folds of a constrictor. Besides, however, the demands from the menageries, the Indian Government pays a bounty on snake heads, so there is a double incentive to Indian snake hunters, and when there are sufficient orders on hand from the menageries, a hunt is organized on a grand scale.

Preparations are made by ascertaining from the natives a promising snake district which is usually a tract of jungle with a thick bamboo or grass undergrowth. In such lands snakes are found by thousands, and after a promising patch is discovered, a beginning is made by clearing or burning the undergrowth from a strip entirely enclosing the snake farm, then a broad expanse of perhaps an acre is cleared on one side and there is located the snake trap, a netting extended for 200 or 300 yards on each side of the cleared tract, its wings gradually contracting to lead the reptiles into a cul de sac, from which there is no escape. Several hundred natives are assembled, and on a day when the wind is from the right quarter they surround the district selected, and, at a given signal SET FIRE TO THE JUNGLE.

After the fire has fairly started the natives are called behind the netting, as there is no need of their services on the other sides, for every snake tenant of the brush flees in the same direction toward the fatal netting.

Behind it stand rows of men, armed with clubs and sticks, ready to give their snake-ships a lively reception. As the fire approaches the netting the snakes come in crowds, by hundreds, sometimes by thousands. At the wings the men are concentrated with their clubs ready to kill those attempting to escape, and as the main body of the reptiles approaches the netting, the wings are pushed forward toward each other, the stakes supporting the netting are driven firmly into the ground and the snakes are inclosed. But snakes can climb almost, as well as monkeys, and so the men at the wings are kept busy killing those that endeavor to escape over the ropes. At the cul de sac the netting extends above as well as on the sides, and the larger portion of the reptiles are finally concentrated within this inclosure. There the scene is one of lively animation, for the snakes are of all sizes, some of the venomous reptiles of India not being more than 6 or 8 inches in length, and, as their movements are very quick the net-footed beaters are kept dodging about in a manner at once grotesque and amusing, their anxiety to escape the small serpents that go through the netting like a flash being even greater than their eagerness to kill as many snakes as possible and thus receive a larger share of the government bounty. No snake is permitted to escape, and after all the smaller reptiles which can work their way through the netting are killed, attention is turned to the larger which remain.

In various parts of the netting there are loops which can be untied and the reptiles, after the slaughter of the little snakes has been finished the work of capturing the most promising specimens.

The superintendent points at an anaconda that will bring a good price, and as the animal thrusts its head against the netting in fruitless efforts to escape a stick with a wire loop at the end is introduced, the snake is lassoed immediately back of the head, the wire is tightened and the future occupant of a menagerie cage, hissing and writhing, is dragged through and seized by a dozen natives at once. Bundles of bamboo cut into proper lengths, have already been prepared, three or four men straighten the snake and lay him on a bamboo, sometimes placing three or four small splints around him, and then lashing him securely down with bamboo withes, every inch of his length. Generally the lashing is found to be sufficient and only when the serpent is very large and powerful are the extra bamboos tied around him for fear he might break the stick to which he is fastened. This operation is not carried on without an immense amount of protest from the snake, which hisses in the most terrifying manner and wriggles wildly in an effort to escape. But hissing and wriggling are all in vain the Hindoos lash him down, finishing the operation by forcing his upper jaw upon the lower and tying the two together to the stick in such a way that he can not even hiss. After all the best specimens have been selected and tied the remainder are killed, headed and the heads sent to the nearest government station for the bounty, and the captives are loaded into carts for transportation to Bombay, where they are disposed of to the European agents.

SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

Relation Between Liquor Laws and Death Rates.

Prohibitionists will rejoice to see the confirmation of the wisdom of their principles afforded in some figures which have been collected to show the effect of stringent liquor laws upon the death rate in Sweden and Norway,

or the twenty years before 1894 the average death rate per 1000 persons living in Sweden was 17.5 per annum and the rate for Norway was 16.9 per 1000 per annum. The consumption of alcohol by the Swedes in those years amounted to the equivalent of about 2.65 English gallons of proof spirits per head per annum; that of the Norwegians to about 1.75 gallons. In 1895 the temperance law was enacted in Sweden, and by 1899 it had come practically fully into operation. The death rate decreased gradually with the gradual decrease of the consumption of alcohol. Between 1891 and 1899 the death rate of the Swedes was 21.7 per 1000 per annum, and for that period the consumption of alcohol in Sweden per annum per head of the inhabitants was nearly three times as much as it is now. The decrease in the death rate in the twenty years ending 1894 was 4.2 per 1000 per annum. The reason the temperance law was enacted in Sweden was that intemperance was sapping the health and strength of the nation. Just before the law came into force 36 per cent. of the conscripts drawn from military service had to be rejected as physically unfit. By the time the law had been thirty years in operation the proportion rejected had been reduced to 20 per cent.

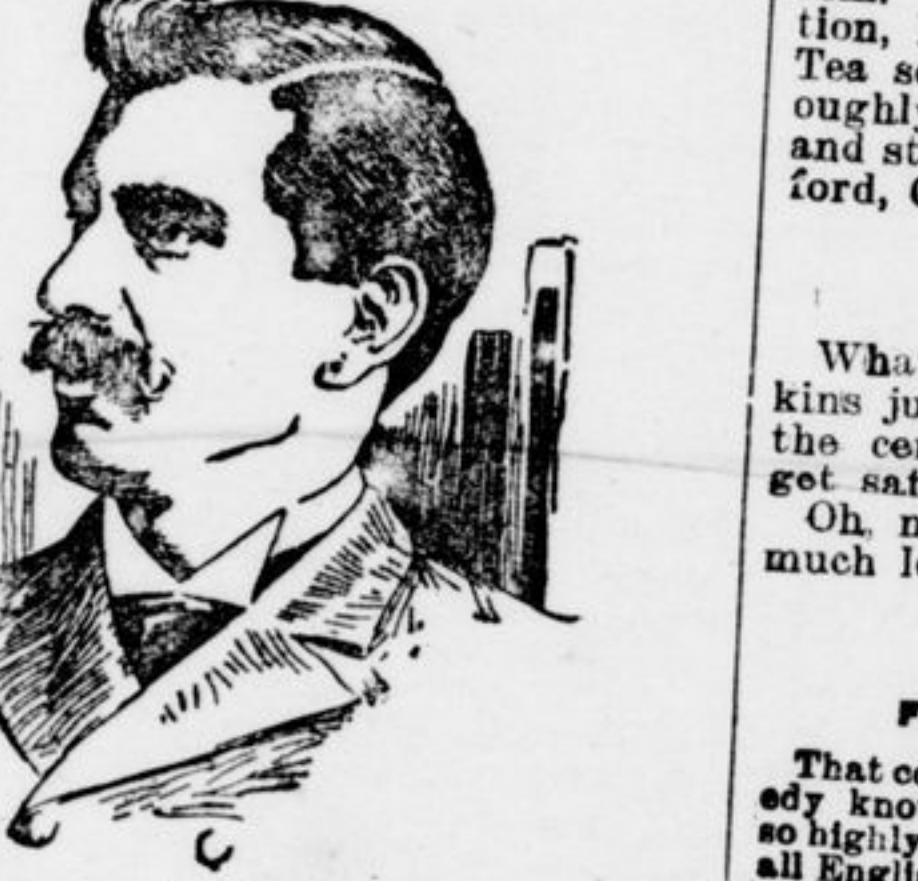
A KINGSTON MERCHANT.

TELLS OF HIS RELEASE FROM THE PAINS OF RHEUMATISM.

It Had Afflicted Him for Upwards of Ten Years and Many Remedies Were Tried in Vain—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Effectively Released Him.

From the Freeman, Kingston, Ont.

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his friend he decided to give the pills a trial, and according to Mr. O'Brien it was a lucky venture. After the first box had been taken, customers noticed the change, and when three boxes had been finished the result was marvelous. His strength had returned, impoverished blood renewed, muscles developed, rheumatism almost disappeared, barring a slight stiffness in knee joints, which is gradually going, and in the last six months he has done more work in his tailoring establishment, than he had accomplished in the previous four years. A Freeman representative noticing the change in Mr. O'Brien's condition, asked him to what he attributed his apparent good health after such a long siege of illness. Without hesitation he replied, "Well, I have taken no medicine in the past year other than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, therefore I attribute my present condition solely to their use. They had such a good effect in driving rheumatism out of my system and building up my shattered constitution, that my wife whose health was not any too good, also tried the pills. A few boxes as loud in her illness and she, too, is many of my customers and friends who witnessed the effect of the pills on my constitution commenced to use them, and they relate the same story as I have told you. I am as well now as ever I was in my life." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase is enclosed in a wrapping bearing the full trade mark, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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