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## REPTILES HARMLESS.

MAN WHO CATCHES THEM DOES NOT FEAR THEM.

Uses Simple Apparatus for Capturing Poisonous Snakes—Some Particulars of His Business.

There is one man in Boston who has no fear of women invading his line of trade, and up to the present time he is the only man, as far as is known, in this state, who is a professional snake catcher. This man, reports the Boston Globe, is O. W. Mason, who does not make his living in any way strange, for he considers snakes far less harmless than dogs or any other pets.

A Globe reporter accompanied Mr. Mason on a snake hunt to the Blue hills the other day and was shown conclusively that there need be no fear of anybody getting killed from the bite of a snake in this vicinity. Mr. Mason donned leather gloves, leather gaiters and unfolded his snake-catching apparatus, a long stick, from which hung a stout string tied to a sort of a dredging machine. This machine was attached to the part of the stick nearest the ground, and is worked with the string attachment. When a snake is seen Mr. Mason, with the stick in the right hand, string in the left, follows it, places it over the snake's body, and the snake is no longer at liberty.

"Well," said Mr. Mason, after the first snake was caught, "did he run after me or did I have to run after him?"

"You see," he said, without waiting for a reply, "if I had gone about my own business, as it were, that snake would now be enjoying the pleasure of basking in the hot sun. No," continued he, "a vicious dog would have turned on me without provocation, but no matter how vicious a snake is, he will avoid a conflict."

"I have gone into a den of nearly 100 snakes, and not one of them turned on me until cornered, and then the fun began. Time and again I have been bitten, but have not yet met anything snake shaped that I fear. If I were to show the white cleaner things might be different, but I know what to do when there is danger around."

"Near Randolph, about two miles away from the nearest electric road, I catch at least 20 rattlers to one copperhead. There are to be found the Indian rads, unknown to any but professors from the different colleges that accompany me when there is an investigation of the different snake poisons under way. The copperheads are most plentiful at or near the crags in addition, very far away from places visited on Sunday by picnic parties."

"They run as high as two pounds in weight and five feet long. Bull snakes, of which there are none in the vicinity, weigh as much as eight pounds, and are at least ten feet long. I have fought them, and am ready to do so again."

"Once I fought 14 rattlers. It took me two hours to get the last one, and though they were as mad as hornets I got the last one without harm, all alive."

"Strange as it may seem," said Mr. Mason, as he stroked the head of one of the snakes which had ventured to the top of the bag in which it had been put, "women are not as much afraid of snakes as are the sterner sex. A woman will naturally shrink from a snake, but this is due to fear. When, however, she is told that no harm will result from patting its head this way she will forget her fear and will do as I am doing now ten times quicker than I could get a man to do it. It is the same with women and dogs. Men have dogs, but would not give them the same attention as women do."

"Though the best time of the year for catching purposes is the first two weeks in May, an idea may be given of the number caught when it is told that on April 17 Mr. Mason caught 2 snakes all told, some of them were four feet long."

When brought to Boston the snakes are put into a large packing case covered with wire netting. Here they are fed, great care being taken to give them plenty of water.

On dark days Prof. Mason kills those best suited to his taste—that is, those that will bring him the most profit.

The poison taken from them is bottled up and later sold to colleges at a good profit. Then the bodies are bottled up and labeled, to be used later for the education of students.

When the proper kind are caught they are fattened and killed for oil. The latter is used for many things, mostly for beautifying purposes, after it is made into a cream for the skin.

Large bull snakes, those weighing eight pounds, will give four ounces of oil. If caught in the fall a six-foot snake will have enough fat to keep an alive for nine months, and this fat can be turned into money through the oil process. The bull snake oil is the best kind.

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