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TWO EASTERN SNAKES.

The Cobra Is Good-Natured But the Po-longa Is a Bad Neighbor.

From ages past, says a writer in Popular Science, the susceptibility of snakes to the influence of music has been fully recognized, and it would be interesting to know how many varieties acknowledge its power. In Ceylon the natives say that only two-and they the two most venomous, the cobra and the tic polonga-can be charmed. The former. the hooded or spectacled snake, every one has heard of; the latter is not so well known out of the island and is a ar more deadly and dangerous foe. The natives hold the cobra in the highest estimation and look upon it as the king of enakes-the Tamil name for it being in fact "nulla parmbu," or "good snake," and I think it is an admitted fact that it will seldem if ever attack any one unprovoked. I have myself seen cobrae under many circumstances, and although I have conscientiously destroyed every one that I have been able to, I have no hesitation in saying that they are not dangerous unless disturbed. In proof of this I would quote the case of a pair that occupied a hole in a clump of cleanders in a certain garden for several years. No one ever disturbed them and they sunned themselves where they pleased, and the gardener rather looked upon them as an additional attraction to the place. They used to eat squirrels, young birds and any thing else that came in their way, but never attempted to do any harm, and remained unmolested as long as I knew the place, and probably raised an interesting family meanwhile. Unlike the cobra, the tie polonga is always ready to attack on the slightest provocation, and as it inhabits many localities—some being found in shrubs and trees, some in grassy waterways and others invariably in the vicinity of footpathsit is more often met with, and I think, responsible for most the fatal cases of snakebite that happen from time to time. This difference in the habits of the two snakes is well known to the natives and is the subject of one of the Singhalese fables, which is as follows:

One very dry year, when little rain fell, when rivers had dwindled into n silver thread, when tanks were baked hard and brown and wells and water courses were dried up, a prolonga, suffering agonies from thirst and faint from overpowering heat, met a cobra looking very lively and refreshed. "Have you found water anywhere?" gasped the polonga. The other said: "Yes." "Where—oh, where is it? Tell me, I implore you, for I am dying of thirst!" said the prolonga. The cobra replied: "I can not tell you unless you promise to do no harm to any living thing that may be beside the water." "As for that," replied the polonga, "I would promise any thing so that I might quench this intolerable thirst." And he gave a solema promise. "Well, then,' said the cobra, "beyond those bushes is a large earthen pan of water, in which a child is playing. Go and drink from it, but at your peril do not harm the child." So saying they parted. The cobra, after going a little way, began to distrust the prolonga, knowing the latter's treacherous disposition and rugged temper, and turned to follow him. He arrived too late. The prolonga had not only drank of the water, but crept into the pan where the child began to play with him. On this he grew violently angry, bit the child with all his force, so violently, indeed, that the infant died in a few minutes. The cobra, in hot and fiery indignation, at tacked the prolonga and punished him severely, biting off a piece of his tail Hence to this day all prolongas have blunt tails. Ever since cobras and prolongas have been at deadly feud They are the most deadly serpents ir Ceylon. When people hate one another mortally they are said proverbially to be like cobra and prolonga.

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LONDON AND PARIS BEGGARS.

Professional Mendicants Have for Genera-tions Made a Good Living.

The professional beggar is not a modern innovation, by any means, says the North American Review. A specimen case was "Scarecrow," the famous London beggar, who, having disabled himself in his right leg, asked alms all day in order to get a warm supper at night. According to John Timbs, the "Rufflers," whom we often find mentioned in the literature of the seventeenth century, were troops of idle vagrants who infested Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. They assumed the character of maimed soldiers who had suffered in the great rebellion and found a ready prey in the people of fashion and quality who drove by. Indeed, it is made clear by contemporary allusion in comedies that this square was the regular haunt of bogus cripples who lived by mendicancy, which they carried on in the most barefaced and even intimidating manner. It is related that George IV., when prince of Wales, once attended a beggars' carnival in London, incognito. had not been there very long when the chairman, addressing the company and pointing to the prince, said: "I call upon that 'ere gemman with a shirt for a song." The prince, as well as he could, got excused upon a friend who accompanied him promising to sing instead, which the latter did amid great applause. The health of the prince and his friend having been drunk and duly responded to, they departed in order to afford the company an opportunity to fix their different routes for the ensuing day's business, for at that time the professional beggars of London used to have a general meeting several times during the year at which they were divided into companies, each company having its particular walk. In those days their earnings varied much, some getting as high as five shil-

lings a day. Most of the professional beggars in London to-day-and their name is legion—emanate from two or three common lodging-houses. The most populous of these, which is known as "The Dispensary," supports an individual known as a "scriver," who earns a living by manufacturing the pathetic signboards which the sham cripples and the bogus blind men carry round their necks. In Paris, as is well known, the professional beggars hold regular weekly meetings at which the routes to be followed by the members of the guild are mapped out by a standing committee. They have an organ of their own called the Journal des Mendicants, which appears twice a week. From a recent issue the following curious advertisement is taken: "Wanted—To engage a cripple for a seaside resort. Good references and a small deposit required," This queer announcement is explained by the fact that the proprietors of hotels and boarding-houses at fashionable French watering places assume that visitors would be disposed to give alms if an opportunity were afforded them, and, as they cannot very well do the begging themselves, they engage profest sional beggars, to wnom they grant permission to solicit alms on their premises, and the beggars in return pay them one-half of their daily re-

HOW TO HANDLE CAMELS.

The Obstinate Animals Must Be Humored or Humbugged.

Camels are not like horses, says the Ashton Reporter. If a horse does not want to do anything we make him. a camel does not want to do anything he leaves it undone. No amount of coaxing, no amount of cruelty will make him budge. He has the determination of a mule combined with the strength of an elephant. A camel is one of those aggravating brutes which will drive a hot-tempered man to distraction. Nothing will persuade him to listen to reason. He will oppose your will with a passive resistance that is absolutely unconquerable. The only way to treat a camel is to humor if you cannot humbug him. They will often lie down if you load them with the proverbial last straw, and you might beat them to death or offer up all the pleasures of Paradise before they would get up. They are pig-headed beasts. Sometimes when they have quite a light load they turn nasty and throw themselves to the ground. But, although they are obstinate, they are not cute, and an Arab, by pretending to submit, can generally get the better of the stubborn beasts. The drivers will ostentatiously remove three or four packages from the load, and the animal, with an inward chuckle of satisfaction, rises at once, without perceiving that the parcels have meanwhile been returned to their former place. As he flatters himself he has shirked some of his duty he swings away with a light heart, gratified beyond measure, like a spoiled child, at having its own way. The camel is an unsociable beast. He is also habitually dull, except when he is sniffing the salt air of the desert. When he is treading the sands, with the burning sun on his back and the boundless waste before him, he feels himself at home. The immense heat makes him bubble over with pleasure and fills his frame with sublime intoxication. It has been stated on the best authority that he can go nine days without water. And if you had ever seen a camel drink water when he does get a chance of quenching his thirst you would not be surprised at this. They have been known to put away seven gallons and a half at a time.

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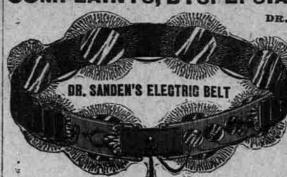
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