A Choice Lot of Stories About Snakes, Scorpions, and Centipedes-Disagreeable surprises.

One of the American magazines which came to Panhala not long ago sontained a harrowing account of a nore than a mere trifle compared to indergo almost daily.

In one governmental district in Inlia about 23,000 persons are reported is dying yearly from the bite of poisseasts. Considering the perils with treat. which one is beset here in Panhala, the wonder is that the number of deaths is 10t very much larger. Leopards and igers are shot in the country around o effect an entrance. Poisonous repiles are so numerous and so quick to mprove every opportunity to enter the placed in danger of his life. For indance, no one would think of getting inmay be, and consequently is, cozily even though he be so brave that he nightlamp burning. Even the bath is not a luxury entirely devoid of danger rom one or more of these poisonous reatures. To day a snake is found in one's shoe; to-morrow in the bath monge there is a scorpion. The next lay a centipede is found under the lower-stand; and the next there is a corpion in the novel one has been reading, or a snake on the shelf or a snake hidden away in one's napkin at dinner.

Not long since a friend from the coast related, while visiting here, a recent exserience which is really not uncommon in this part of the world. One evening, leaving the lamp in his dressng room, he stepped into an adjoining iar odor, so like that of raw potatoes, which often indicates the presence of a make, he called his wife to bring a cane and lamp. Knowing well what such a call means, she lost no time in providing the needed stick and light. There on the step over which he had just entered the room lay an immense cobra, enjoying the coolness of the place after a hot day on the scorching plains. Mr. I -- had stepped directly over his majesty; and had it not been for the unmistakable odor which berayed the snake he might not have ived to tell the tale. It is a fortunate act that the cobra can readily be killed with a cane or club.

One Sunday afternoon while walking in his plantain garden, deeply engaged n thought, a gentleman here was made not a little astonished to have a large *nake spring from between his feet and glide into one of the small buildings attached to the place. It had been engaged in swallowing a toad and seemed as startled as the Sahib himself. The latter calling for help instituted a chase. It took some courage to enter this small room as it was not known to what species the reptile belonged. Armed with a new American ax and a bamboo cane the hunt progressed for a few moments, during which the snake sprang several times seemingly its full length into the air, making futile attempts to escape. The ax came off conquerer and it was found to be a Dhaman, measuring seven feet seven inches in length. This kind of snake has no fangs, longs to the coluber order, and "kills with its ta l," so the natives say. It is known to be destructive to cattle, in the nostrils of which it insinuates its tail and then draws it forth with violent abrasion.

It is no strange sight to find in the morning a cast-off skin of some snake on the lattice which protects one's window, or twisted about over a bit of terrace wall or one's pet rockery, which, by-the-by, is a most dangerous form of a flower-garden, as it affords shelter for snakes, lizards, centipedes, and scorfound one of these sloughs of a cobra. seven feet in length, but I presume it was longer for being empty, for while it is common to hear of a five-foot cobra, one seldom hears of one as long as six

Not many days have passed since the following occurred: One stormy evening a door being heard to slam one of our family went in the dark to close it. This time, not from any odor but from a feel ng the instinct taught by experience, our friend stopped with one foot raised, and called for a light. The light was brought (for we do not have gas), and revealed a green, triangular headed viper, just ready to strike with its ivory white fangs, which at the time seemed immensely long. The reptile was struck down at once and held firmly with one stick until a second one could be brought. Meanwhile the deadly but still pretty creature was writhing about the cane which held it, biting and tearing its own flesh. The strange fact which Dr. Weir Mitchell made known to the world in 1868, that a poisonous "snake can not poison itself." is no less strange because true.

One evening, sending a servant to hunt for a pair of missing seissors, we were not much surprised to have him soon run in breathlessly, saying : "Come, sahib! A snake, a snake?" On investigation we found that in looking in a corner for the missing article, instead of seeing the looked-for seissors we saw the bright, bead-like eyes of a snake called ratra (night) looking into his. It is a pretty snake, being of a seal-brown color on the back, crossed by crescent bands of white, while the belly is a beaut ful red. The name may not seem definite, but is given to it by the natives, who say it is found at night, hence the name. It was only the next day that the baby of the house was found amusing itself by rolling a jack truit back and forth over a rafra possessed of fangs, so of course are by sixty feet loag.

PLEASANT PICTURE OF INDIA. not harmless. A few nights later, just as I was about to step into bed, something told me not to move my raised foot, so carefully reaching for the lamp and looking under my foot there I be held a great scorpion, which after death measured five inches as one would be or stand at ease if alive.

One night after supper as the butler ow which took place in the close removed a child's tray there was disreighborhood of alligators and mocca- closed to view a wicked little scorpion in snakes. Alarming as such an in- underneath which might have inflicted rident must have been, it was really no a painful wound had the child put his fingers under the edge. That very evening as the family were about to he experiences which people who live have evening worship another scorpion. n this part of tropical India have to probably a twin brother, came running rapidly toward a pair of tender little bare feet. Whether eating, sleeping, or praying, there is danger from these creatures. In the cool, shadowy depths of baby's sponge the wicked though mous reptiles or the attack of savage small scorpion finds a comfortable re-

A few months ago I found a grown scorpion, and put it into an empty bot-It was forgotten for a few days. When remembered and examined, alas! zere, and at times they prowl where there had been only one there around the dwellings of the peo- were twenty-eight! But this rapidity ale in the night and sometimes try of increase is offset by its bitter enmity toward all others of its kind. They seem, too, own be devoid of natural affection, touses that no one can relax his watch- the offspring destroying their own ulness for a moment without being mother. The centiped is not an infrequent visitor. About the size of a man's finger, it is composed of alternate links o bed without first looking for what of brown and white, numbering in all eighteen or twenty links, making an eninsconced between the cool sheets. No tire length of seven inches. Each one would spring out of bed in the link is furnished with a pair of red legs, sight without first striking a match, and the round head and feelers, too, are of the same bright color. The bite book-pooks at the idea of keeping a is usually fatal unless remedies are applied at once. Surely the promise in the 91st Psalm are fulfilled to those in this land who have made the Lord their habitation.—Panhala (India) Cor. New York Tribune.

Mrs. Bancroft.

A topic of conversation in American society, writes a Paris correspondent, is the lonely state of Mr. George Bancroft, the historian, who a short time ago was left a widower at the age of 86. I had a short and agreeable acquaintance with Mrs. Goorge Bancroft, when she and her husband represented the United States republic at Berlin. oom in the dark. Noticing the pecu- Had she lived another year she would have celebrated her golden wedding with Bancroft, who was her second busbano. They were an interesting couple. She was ceremonious, without being prim or starched. Her smile showed self-complacency, tree, however, from conceit, and certainly a wish to be very gracious. She spoke with deliberation. and yet avoided drawling, and brought out every word with clear distinctness, Mr. Bancroft, a white-bearded, hale old gentleman, with a fine eye, that denoted sagacity and quick perception, was, when she spoke of him, "the minister," or "my husband." He was as ceremonious and as free from starch as his wife. Their mental habits and mode of speech were cultivated before telegraphese was invented and the reaction toward blunt Anglo-Saxon phraseology had taken place. Mrs. Bancroft's conversation savored of "elegant extracts. was picturesquely and prettily obfashioned. I only knew her when she was staying in a hotel; but I was told that she was a notable, although by co means a fussy, housekeeper, and that the German crown princess picked up many American culinary notions when dining at her table-such as cranberry preserve with roast mutton, oyster soup, pumpkin pie, and doughnuts. I one day had the pleasure of walking round a horticultural show with Mrs. Bancroft, who I found was an enthusiastic rose fancier, and could teach most of the gardeners who exhibited improved methods of cultivating different species of roses. She was also a walking biographical encyclopedia. Who was there within the last sixty-six years in Europe or America that either he or she had not known or seen or heard about from mutual friends.

Royal Photographers.

Though we gladiy welcome the prince of Wales into the ranks of the amateur photographers of this country, it is difficult to understand why his roval highness should have ordered his pions innumerable. A few days ago I first camera from an American firm. This, however, is what, according to a contemporary, he really did. But, in any case, the determination of our future king to do his own photographing has furnished a text on which that popular writer, Luke Sharp, has founded some very amusing observations. His pen-and-ink picture of the prince going out with a large retinue, including the lord high camera carrier, the earl of the plate holders, the focusing general, the usher of the black cloth, the groom of the lens, the marquis of the tripod, is a very laughable one; while the advice subsequently given to his royal highness to dismiss his retinue, put the camera over his shoulder, buy a ticket for the highlands or Devonshire, put up at a country inn, and tramp over the hills and far away, taking the views whenever he pleases, is undoubtedly sound and good. What is more, there is a precedent to it. The emperor of Russia, whose photograpic propensities we have previously mentioned, delights in doing all his photographing for himself. At Livadia, where he is now staying, a dressing-room adjoining the imperial sleeping apartment had been specially fitted up as the ezur's dark room, and it is more than a minister's place is worth to interrupt his majesty when once the button of the door has been turned. It is said, too, that the officials anxiously watch the imperial countenance when the ezar emerges from his mysterious closet; and if his expression bespeaks a series of unsuccessful developments any requests that may have to be made are deferred to a more auspicious moment. - Photograph-

ic News. There is said to be so much salt in Nevada that if a railroad ever taps the region where it exists, there will be no market for foreign salt

The Japanese type satter must necessarily be which was close to its feet. These are a lively pedestrian. His case is four feet wide

in this country.

The American Trotter. It is now the American trotting bores, and not the runner, which is the high-stepser of Jashion. Runners are bred and rained only for the race track, for exhibition and the chances which render their performances of interest to the gambling class. But for pool-selling and private betting, the running race-tracks would soon grow up in weeks, and the noble race of blooded runners would die out. For personal use the running horse is of little practical value, compared with the recognition of his merits when saddle riding was popular in the days gone by. But improvement in the trotting strains receives encourage ment in the demand for horses of good movement for road uses. Most horses which develop extraordinary powers of speed, of course find their way to the racetrack, but public exhibitions serve a good purpose in advertising fine blood, and promoting an interest in improved horses among the people. The wonderful showing in the trotting records for the last few years must bring out corresponding signs of improvement, not only in the fashionable city drives, but, also, in the country lanes; and while the dashing gentleman flushes by everything on the road that doesn't move faster than a mile in 2:30, the farmer's boy, with his girl by his side, throws dust in the eyes of his father's ambling "critter." Take last year's record and ponder. Two hundred and eighty three trotters that, in 1885, for the first time knocked off a mile less than 2:30, and twenty-four who entered the 2:20 list! There remains unmatched Maud S.'s time of 2:08%, but who knows but that in a lew years this now fancy record may be rated as rather slow and "unprofessional," and abandoned to the "speed rings" of the county pig and pumpkin shows.-[Cincinnati Commercial-

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"I have crawled over red hot bars of iron and coals of fire," he said, "in my agony during an onium frenzy. The very thought of my sufferings freezes my blood and chills my bones. I was then eating overy 30 grains of opium daily."

"How did you contract the habit?

"Excessive business cares broke medown and my doctor prescribed opium! That is the way nine tenths of cases commence When I determined to stop, however, I found I could not do it.

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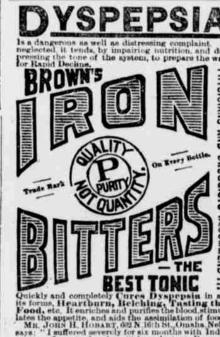
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