

The Latest Story.

"Talking of snakes," said a man who had recently arrived from the wilds of Nicaragua, "reminds me of an incident I witnessed while in the interior of the little republic. It was in the section where the hills approached the rivers. I had been paddling down the stream and halted to escape the sun just under a cliff which was some thirty feet above the low ground, forming an abrupt declivity.

"While I was leaning against the trunk of a large trumpet tree near the bank of the river, I happened to glance up at the edge of the cliff and noticed a snake hanging head downward and swinging in the open space. While I was wondering I was more surprised at seeing another reptile climb down the body of the first and coil his tail around its neck. Then there came another and another, all doing the same thing until there was a rope of snakes reaching within about three feet of the ground, all pursuing the same tactics as the second. Then I realized that the things were trying to reach the bottom in this original manner. They did not reach low enough, and directly the bottom ones crawled to the top and shortly reappeared, each with a small bit of twig in his mouth. When the first one with the twig reached the end of the rope the hanging one grasped the wood in his mouth, and the other hung tail down. Then a second dropped down the rope, coiled his tail about the tail of the other, and hung head down, with the stick in his mouth, and a third, climbing the living coils, in his turn grasped the other piece of twig and was suspended tail down like the first. By the aid of the pieces of twig they lengthened the coil until the bottom snake touched the ground."

"Say," queried one of the interested listeners, "what became of the snakes at the top; did they drop?"

"That was just the thing. When the bottom snake was about to let go he seemed to realize that the ones at the top would be no nearer terra firma than before, changed his mind, and, crawling up slowly, apparently informed the others, and the link shortened as the snakes crawled up, and the last I saw of the lot they were hunting for a piece of twist vine to make a rope ladder."—New Orleans Times Democrat.

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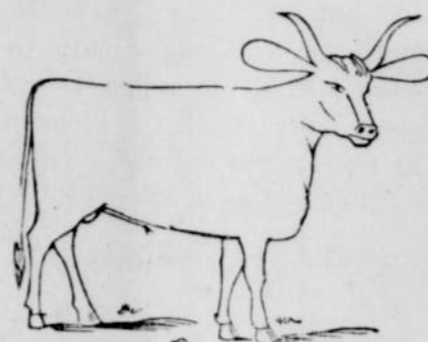
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