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"The tall just then happened to protrude about half an inch, so I seized it with my fingers, and, rapidly drawing the body through the other hand, had the reptile safely in my grip, behind his death dealing jaws, now distended with anger."

"But the lid of my snake box was shut over, and I could not draw it back with one hand, so I was obliged to let him slip back into the bottle again."

"Having set the box all in order for the newcomer's reception, I once more essayed to lay hold of him by the tail; but now, most provokingly, no amount of maneuvering would bring that useful member to the top."

"Another half hour's unsuccessful angling converted my impatience into desperation, and at length, when I saw the tail protruding about two inches from the mouth of the bottle, I stuck my forefinger in recklessly to try to secure it."

"This was hopeless, as I might have known; but it certainly did cool my spine a little when I discovered on attempting to withdraw it that my finger was jammed."

"I pulled, wrenched, twisted it with all my might, but the brute was raising its head and its flickering tongue was rapidly approaching the unhappy digit that involuntarily corked up the poison."

"I gave a final tug, the violence of which nearly dislocated all my phalanges; but it was no use, and with a yell I raised the bottle high in the air, intending to smash it on the edge of my bunk."

"I distinctly felt the snake, momentarily inverted, fall on the end of my finger; but as I flung my hand up the bottle slipped off and fell on the deck behind me, fortunately without breaking."

"By the time I picked it up the snake was half way out, hissing furiously with rage and fright, and I had just time to thrust it into the box."

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