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snake flesh as large as a man's thigh.

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ow and the entire monster

was clear-at least twenty feet in lengthbig enough to swallow a deer, and yet held by a single man. The native was, however, not in the least discouraged. He clung to the tail, and as the huge reptile turned toward him with an angry hiss he gave it a swinging motion by turning slowly. Grad-ually he increased his speed, turning faster and faster, until he seemed the center of a wheel, the spokes of which were the body of the python. So rapid was the motion that the snake's body was perfectly straight, and it was evident that as long as the motion could be kept up the man was safe, but if the monster could reach him he would in a moment be crushed in the hor-

rible folds of the reptile. The lookers-on had long since fied, the natives had gone shricking up the street, the Englishman alone standing by, but even he did not know what to do, as it was impossible to shoot the animal as it was flying cound; so he stood a few minutes aghast at the curious position of the man.

It soon became apparent that the charmer knew what he was about. Not far from the house stood a stout flag-staff, a foot and a helf through, of solid teakwood, and toward this he was gradually moving, whirling the snake faster and faster. Now he was withsnake faster and faster. Now he was with-in twenty-five feet of it, and suddenly it dawned on the few spectators what he was about to do. This was to strike the head of the reptile against the pole. Nearer he came, whirling faster and faster, until the reptile stood out like a whip-lash, and then, with a quick step forward, he brought the head of the reptile against the wood with a orushing sound. He released his hold and the great reptile doubled up in convul-sive folds, digging up the earth and sending clouds of dust into the air, finally dropping limp and lifeless to the ground. limp and lifeless to the ground.

A wondering crowd soon surrounded the A wondering crowd soon surrounded the dead boa, the now brave natives expressing their opinions as to its size. One thing was evident—that here was the "ghost." The big snake had in some way obtained en-trance to the house, probably through the hole in the foundation, and had produced the mysterious sounds heard by the men. The snake charmers had as is their general The snake-charmers had, as is their general custom, placed a harmless cobra in the hole and before they had time to call it out it had encountered the big bos, with the above result.

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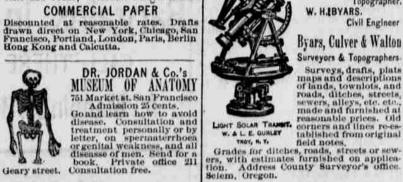
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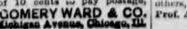
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