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THE IRON LANCE.

A Deadly Reptile Found on a West Indian Island.

Santa Lucia, one of the British West Indies, has the reputation of being the most uncomfortable place to live in in the whole group of these islands. Not only is the climate unhealthy, but there abounds here a deadly snake, called by the French "the iron lance," whose yearly victims can be counted by hundreds. The rattler of our northern wilds, writes Fannie B. Ward, is a harmless plaything compared to the "iron lance," for the former at least gives notice of his intention to strike, and his poison can be generally counteracted by prompt amputation and use of whiskey. But for the bite of the fer-de-lance there is no antidote. Everybody bitten by the deadly serpent dies a most horrible death, decomposition following almost before breath has left the victim's body. So universal is the fear of the "iron lance," which not only lies along the branches of trees in the forest ready to spring upon passers-by, but invades the canals and even lurks in the garden walks, that country people seldom venture from their houses after dark, even in the suburbs of the city.

It is singular, then, that the natives, make household pets of the cribo, an ugly looking snake about eight feet long, but perfectly harmless which is the only living thing against which the fer-de-lance has no power.

The cribo is jet black, with more or less bright yellow along the stomach and tail. In every house of Santa Lucia one is sure to be found asleep in the hatch, coiled up in the corner, or perhaps sunning himself in the doorway, as much at home as the pet cat in the North; and if a fer-de-lance dares to show his fangs, triangular-shaped head the cribo immediately challenges him to mortal combat and always comes off victorious.

It is a curious fact that the iron lance refuses to live in St. Vincent, which is very near Santa Lucia. It is said that during the Carib war of 1765 the hard-pressed savages imported a lot of young fer-de-lances from Santa Lucia into St. Vincent, and turned them loose, hoping that they would destroy the white men; but every snake died in a few weeks, and though the experiment was several times repeated, the result was always the same.

CRANKY TRAVELERS.

Many Exhibit Very Singular Superstitions.

No one but the experienced passenger conductor knows just how whimsical and cranky the traveling public really is. "Yes, travelers are superstitious and cranky," said a veteran knight of the punch. "I think the average passenger conductor deals with more oddities daily than the curio collector of a freak show. As to superstition, I think there is more of it crops out on trains than anywhere else. Last week, just as the train was ready to pull out for Chicago, a well-dressed man came out of the coach on the platform, and in an agitated manner asked me what day it was.

"I told him it was Friday, and without another word he re-entered the coach and in a moment returned with his luggage, and by way of explanation stated that he never began a journey on Friday, and would wait until the next morning. That is only a sample. The much-mooted unlucky thirteen is perhaps the cause of more worry and inconvenience to tourists than any other sign which the legion of ill-omen. I have known passengers begin at the head of the train to see if they could find number thirteen anywhere.

"If the engine happened to be thirteen they would resignedly wait for the next train, and if they succeeded in finding number thirteen on any of the coaches they would hold up their hands in holy horror. I have seen passengers refuse to ride in a coach which held thirteen passengers, and if you will ask any ticket man he will tell you that of all sections in a sleeper thirteen is the most difficult to dispose of."

POOR TURTLES.

The Cruel Way in Which They Are Robbed of Their Shells.

"I never see anything so pretty articles made out of tortoise shell," says a California gentleman, "without thinking of the torture the poor turtles had been subjected to in order to procure the material for their manufacture. The natives in the West Indies lie in wait for the turtles as they come to the shore to deposit their eggs, then they catch them and turn them over on their backs, so that they are absolutely helpless. The operation of tilting the creatures of their shells is cruel in the extreme. The tortoise shell that we value is merely the scales that cover the bony shield of the turtle. These scales are thirteen in number, and a large turtle will furnish about eight pounds. In order to detach this shell from the living animal for they don't want to kill them, as in that case they would be exterminated in a few years they fasten him down, and then put to which they set fire. The heat causes the scales to separate at their joints. Then they insert a large knife beneath them and lift the shell from the back. Many turtles die under the operation, but they have been known to be caught a second time with an outer coating reproduced, but in such cases there was only one piece, instead of thirteen."

Some Cynical Reflections.

Novelist Walter Besant is credited with the authorship of these somewhat cynical views of life as it is lived: "Out of ten men nine are born to work for the tenth. Resolved to be the tenth. Without tramping the cleverest cannot get rich. The consolation of those who fail is to depreciate those who succeed. The greatest things are done by the greatest fools. Wise men never attempt anything. When you lose a log begin at once to practice with a wooden one. Men's motives are mercifully hidden in their shirt fronts. Observe moderation all the time—especially in your virtues. The best way to make a man honest is to make him ashamed of being found out. There may be pride even in confessing mistakes. Everybody says that gentle birth is an accident and everybody treats it as an achievement. The most charming quality of a friendliness is the right of candor."—Froy Times.

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The following are the dates for 1884: January 10 and 20; February 10 and 17; March 10 and 17; April 20 and 27; May 15 and 22; June 15 and 22; None in July; August 17 and 18; September 21 and 22; October 19 and 20; November 16 and 17; December 21 and 22.

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