

# TEXAS RANGER FOOLED THEM

Sent N. Y. Scientists a Horned Rattlesnake,  
And They "Swallowed" the Fake Smoothly.

New York—Gone is the glory of the great "bull snake" rattlesnake, the wonderful rhinoceros diamond back, the unparalleled Texas unicorn. Gone also is the pedigreed "goat" of the New York scientists who let a simple Texas rattle snake fool them with a new species of *Crotalus adamanteus* from the Mexican border, more wonderful than the sea serpent of Atlantic City bathing places, that wore a horn an inch long on the top of its skull. For 'Er Snake shed his skin the other night and the horn came off.

The mysterious rattler came to Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of reptiles at the Bronx Zoological Park, about three months ago, having been shipped north by W. A. Snake King, as he calls himself, a Texan who lives near Brownsville and who spends a great part of his time bagging reptiles for the Zoo. It was he who sent the huge diamond back that nearly cost the life of Keeper Tooney a few months ago, and the freak snake was an outcropping of this accident.

Curator Ditmars wrote to King in Texas telling him of the affair, and the snake hunter refused to take it seriously. He has been bitten so often by the "varmint" that he could not conceive of anyone, even a New York zoo keeper, being inconvenienced by them. Also it had cost him not a little trouble to get that snake, and perhaps he was puffed that his acquisition was not a desirable citizen.

**PROMISED RARE SPECIMEN.**  
"You see," explained Mr. Ditmars, "when the army went to the border they drove all the snakes away for miles, and it was hard to get specimens. King wrote me that he drove his flivver automobile across the boundary line into the sand desert in search of some for us, and when he was in Mr. Carranza's territory some deliberately unfriendly natives plugged a couple of holes in his gasoline tank with American rifles. He had to go back home and get a couple of horses to tow his machine to where the snakes were. Of course it hurt after that to hear that one of the few he captured on the trip started a campaign of 'schrechlichkeit.' Anyhow, he wrote in answer to my letter, saying 'the next time I send you one I'll have a horn on it.'"

Sure enough, a few weeks later the mysterious snake arrived. It had a beautiful horn, fully an inch long, extending from the skin over the eyes. It was the only reptile the snake experts had seen with such an appendage. The so-called horn rattler of Texas only has two little bumps over the eyes much like the tip on a snail's head.

"King wrote me that he couldn't classify the snake," said Mr. Ditmars. "But he had discovered an entire race of them, and could furnish any number to the zoo. He asked me to examine it thoroughly and have some other scientists look it over and possibly write a treatise on the new species."

The curator did as Mr. Snake King asked. He called on two or three expert biologists. They got out their magnifying glasses and their microscopes and they looked at Senor Snake's horn.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed one, whose name it wouldn't be fair to tell. "Why, one can see the blood vessels in the membranous composition of the protuberance. It is absolutely genuine and unique."

The rest either agreed or admitted that they were stumped. But Raymond L. Ditmars has been handling snakes since he was in short knickerbockers, and at the age of 20 he was lecturing on them for the Board of Education. It is said he wasn't a success as a lecturer, because he insisted on illustrating his discourses with live specimens instead of stereopticon slides. Anyhow, he was canny and wary on the new marvel.

"I'll wait until Monsieur Snake sheds his skin," he allowed.

**SKIN AND HORN CAME OFF.**  
The reptile was put in a glass case, where the public and more scientists came to marvel at him. He seemed to enjoy the discussion that he caused, for he refused to slough. In the hot weather the average rattler gets a new suit of scales every few weeks, like a new Palm Beach suit, but this one stuck to his old uniform until it was positively shabby about the rattles and had a seedy look where it got the most wear.

At last came signs of the expected change. The reptile's eyes turned bluish in color and the next morning Mr. Ditmars, visiting the cage, saw a strange snake inside. It had a head as bald of horns as the outside of an egg. But on the skin, the old suit which had been discarded, stuck a strange

contraption that looked like a bone collar button with the tip sharpened. Mr. A. W. Snake King, with the assistance of an Indian, had cut an incision in the snake's skin over the eyes, and had inserted the spine of some Mexican bush, the base of which had been flattened to form a foundation. Then the skin had grown over again, the tiny scales had ringed themselves about the orifice, until it seemed perfectly natural. Only when the skin was shed did nature cast off the thing.

Now the skin lies on Curator Ditmars' desk in the reptile house, a warning to natural scientists and a monument to the simple Texas rattle snake who had the biologists fooled for three months. And little Pancho Snake no longer a mystery, but an ordinary *Crotalus adamanteus* once more, coils his six and a half feet of new fall fashion union suit up in his cage and sticks out his fangs in full appreciation of the hoax.

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He's long, black and ugly. He spends this time hiding under stones or crawling about in gardens. Like a majority of beetles, he's one of nature's scavengers.

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**Life's Dictionary of Musical Terms.**  
Aria—A title given to a part of an opera to indicate that the singer expects the action to be interrupted by applause at the conclusion.  
Bravo: The pass-word of the professional clarinet.  
Bravura: The pyrotechnic style of those virtuosos who habitually exceed the speed limit.  
Cadenza: A capsule of compressed technique inserted by a soloist whenever the composer's music becomes dangerously easy or intelligible.  
Conductor: An automaton which, if properly wound up, keeps time to the playing of an orchestra.  
Encore: A French abbreviation of the Yiddish phrase, "Once more yet again already," much used by patrons of music who insist on getting their money's worth.  
Opera: An expensive form of entertainment provided as a background to a lavish social display.  
Oratorio: An old-fashioned relic of the days when the Bible was taken seriously and music was innocently believed to be a combination of melody, harmony and rhythm.  
The text with which Wagner labels his musical ideas. By learning the names of the motifs one can talk intelligently about any of the operas.  
Recitative: A barking utterance of unintelligible words, used by operatic composers to save the trouble of writing real melodies.

**A Woman's Message to Women**  
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**Puzzle of the Eagle and the Whale**  
There are two animals that puzzle naturalists more than any other. They are nature's submarine and aeroplane, the whale and the eagle. It is known that whales occasionally descend as much as 3,000 feet below the surface of the sea. Why they are not injured scientists have yet to discover. It is this pressure which prevents a modern submarine descending even 300 feet, let alone 3,000.  
Eagles have been seen through telescopes to fly with apparent ease from 30,000 to 40,000 feet above sea level. At that height no human being can live owing to the rarefaction of the air. How do the birds live and fly at far greater heights than man can endure for long is a question still to be answered.—Pearson's Weekly.

**Legend of Hapsburg Castle.**  
According to legend, the ancient castle of Hapsburg, overlooking the Rhine, was founded in 1020 and was without surrounding walls for defensive purposes, a strange omission in those warlike days. A friend coming to stay at the castle so greatly deplored the absence of the usual defences that its lord declared that before sunrise on the following morning his stronghold would be surrounded by impregnable walls. Naturally the visitor smiled and did not believe that this thing could come to pass, but in the early morning he was awakened by the lord of the castle, who bade him look out upon the walls. He had kept his promise, but in an unexpected way. Instead of seeing a surrounding wall made of stone, the visitor saw an unbroken circle of the lord's followers, all in their armor and bearing weapons. And it has since been the boast of the Hapsburgs that the family's devoted subjects were sufficient defence in no matter what emergency.

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**Couldn't Fool Him.**  
She hailed from a remote country village in England and had traveled by rail on a visit to friends who resided in a distant town. While entering the railway station for the return journey she found to her dismay that she had lost her handbag, which contained her return ticket and cash.  
After a fruitless inquiry and search a lady to whom she had spoken of her loss very kindly offered the suggestion that the old dame should wire to her husband at her expense, and ask him to telegraph a money order, also telling him the circumstances in which she was placed. She assented to this, and the telegram was sent and duly delivered to the old dame's husband. He tore the message open and read it.  
"Any answer?" asked the messenger.  
"Na, nor brass neither," said she. "They'll find they nobbut got a noodie this time. They'll not hoodwink me; that baint Mary's writin'. I could tell 'ers from hundreds."

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In an article in the General Electric Review, Dr. Saul Dushman draws the following conclusions from a discussion of the laws that govern the atoms of the several elements: "Considering the relationships exhibited by the different radioactive elements, one realizes that the dream of the alchemists may not have been as fatuous as has appeared until recently. The concept of an absolutely stable atom must be discarded once for all, and its place is taken by one or more rings of electrons.  
"But the nucleus itself is apparently the seat of immense forces, and in measure of its exceedingly infinitesimal dimensions it contains both alpha particles and electrons. Once in awhile the nucleus of one of the atoms will spontaneously disintegrate and expel an alpha or beta particle. A new element has been born. What causes these transformations? Can they be controlled? These are questions which must be answered. But if we had it in our power to remove two alpha particles from the atom of bismuth or any of its isotopes, not only would the dream of the alchemists be realized, but man would be in possession of such intensely powerful sources of energy that all our coal mines, water powers and explosives would become insignificant by comparison."

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**Iron Bridges.**  
Introduction of the semellitral arch in bridge building in England met with complaint on behalf of the Tweed side people, because the roadway over it being almost level, as one old man said, "You did not know when you were on it and when you were off it."  
The first iron arch constructed was made in England at Cosbroughkote by one Darby. The bridge consists of one semicircular arch, 100-foot span, each of the ribs being cast in two pieces only. It was opened for traffic in 1773, and a new era in the art of bridge building was thus entered upon. Up to 1860 cast iron was predominant in bridge construction, and although it is believed that wrought iron was introduced before 1800 it does not appear to have been extensively used before.

**Official Ignorance.**  
One of the best of the many stories of English official ignorance of the colonies is recalled by P. A. Silburn in "The Governance of Empire." Lord Palmerston was forming a new ministry and in a preliminary council was arranging its composition. He had filled up all the portfolios with the exception of the colonial office. First name and then another was suggested and thrown aside. At last he said to Sir Arthur Helps: "I suppose I must take the thing myself. Come upstairs with me and show me where these places are on the maps."  
Dispositions.  
The Dispositions of men are different. A house is managed well by men and women of different dispositions, just as much as a carpenter cannot build a house with big and tall timbers only. Even a man of obstinacy or argumentative disposition is not necessary in a family. But there must be a supervision over them all. If there is no one who binds them all, the different dispositions bring confusion to the house.—Kyo.

**Effect of Cold on the Senses.**  
An explorer who took part in an antarctic expedition states that the most remarkable effect of the cold which he noticed was the loss of sense and touch in the fingers. It was almost complete.  
"Suppose you wanted to look for a knife in your kit bag. You would put your hand in and feel round for it, and you would actually have it in your hand and not know it. It was the same with everything we handled. We saw that we picked it up and saw that we held the article; we could not feel that we had it."  
He added that it was not possible to shave, because the skin became irritated and sore, while if the beard became too long it became moist and then froze into a block. The only thing to do was to keep the beard and mustache clipped close.  
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**A Trick With an Egg.**  
Place two V shaped wingglasses of the same size near the edge of a table. In the right hand one put an egg. Just fitting the rim in the glass. Hold the bases of the glasses firmly down, the top rim touching each other. Now with a quick sharp breath blow upon the line where the two wings meet. The egg will jump to the other glass. With a little practice this can be done every time. Be careful to blow in a line with the left hand glass or the egg will jump in the wrong direction and land on the table.

**Married His Widow.**  
Sir Thomas Lipton had this very good Scotch story:  
Some time ago he visited Scotland, when he met an old friend whom he had not seen since they were at school together. Sir Thomas suddenly asked: "And how's your friend referring to an old Scotch school friend, known to both of them."  
"Oh," was the answer, "he's dead long ago, and I shall never cease to regret him as long as I live."  
"I never knew you had so much respect for him as all that," said Sir Thomas, in surprise.  
"Na, na, you're wrang there," answered his friend. "It wasn't the respect I had for him, not that; but you see, I married his widow!"

**A Street in Moscow.**  
One street in Moscow, Miasnikovskaya Ulitsa, is devoted almost entirely to stores selling machinery. The windows of these shops are large and of plate glass and display various types of goods to advantage. Many windows are devoted to large exhibits of various mechanicals, and at certain hours, so far as possible, set in motion to give practical illustration of their workings.

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