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## Rattlers and Copperheadk Ars the Prey He Eoves to Thekle- He Eats \& Moase or a Toad After Each Battle to Propare He Loves to Thekie-He Eats a Moase or a Toad After Enech Battle to Propare Him For the Next Encounter.

The distant murmur of the waterfall, the hum of the bees among the flowera, my fshing rod, $I$ stretched myself on
my
the soft spring grasa nuder the soft spring grass under a weeping
willow and watehed the blue, olond
specked aky. I had almost fallen asteep when I was aroused by a voice inq
tigg, "Kotohed enny fish, mister?"
Looking ap, I Looking np, I saw a typical moun
taineer and nasured him I had not.
in "I say, mistor, this here is a power-
ful bad kentry fur snakea On obit im
Bloan's bay mare last night, an week afore last anothcr bit Sally Milligan
Some on 'em air powerfol pizen, spe.
oially the rattlers an an coppers minds one, ef I I wan yerpereif, 1 , an move mat
a little further from that ter a little further from that 'ere coppor.
He ain't zactly perty to look at, an of
yo wuz to rile 'im with yer boot he he
 Long before that speech had ended I
had turued a nomesanilt backward, whioh oansed the mountaineer a great deal of
genuine pleasure to behold. I was about genuine pleasure
to oxterminate the beholig. alyggish reptile
with a atiok that I had seized when my companion asked me to wait a few mo-
ments, as a king might come along. Not exactly understanding whether
he expected a person of that name and
falling to with my lavdable desire to smash the big, ogly thing that had presumed to
take my leg for a pillow, $I$ asked him for an explanation.
"Air it poasible yer town folks dunno What a king air? Why, a king air the
boss snake uv the woods. He don't do no harm to nuthin, 'ceptin snakes, an
be don't Bot don't pester them as hain't pizen.
But bo dove a copper an a rattler, gin's, an he's death on 'em.
" T 'other day I wuz gwine long a old road, an all uy a audden $I$ heerd a singin in. I knowed it wuza rattler, an lookin
round I kaw him on and erful big un he wuz Ho Huz quililed up like a oorksorew, an his rattles wuz
a-makin the air jingle. But at first I
couldn't ecover the oouldn't 'soovert the oounge, an I knowed
a pattler never got ready fur busineas a rattier never got ready fur busineess
fur nothin. Presently I meed the grass
a - Bwayin an a -bendin, an then the rataler, ho gets nerviuas an, an theeren the rat-
than-
quillin hisself he made a break to ran. quillin hisself he made o break to ran.
"But it wuz too late, fur on camme the
king like a burricane, an putin hiself just ahead the rattler showed bim his jig wuz up. Seein he couldn't 'scape,
the rattler quilled ag'in an showed
fight. The king, he commenced to ron right. The king, he commenced to ron
round his inimy in w wide oircole, the
rattler watchin, Hickin out his tongue an makin his rattle sing like a banjer.
Cloger an eloser the king drawed his
circle as he dashed round antil he
wozn't more'n three feet from the ini.
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