A NIGHT IN A SNAKE.
into the forest in all diriectione, usaaily leaving two of the boatmen in charge of the camp, and taking the The concession proved to be a mos trees were there by the thousand
needing but the woodman's ax end transportation down the river tract was intersected by creeks in all directions, along which timber migh It was some ten days after rival at the concerssion, when I took Murilla with mo for a short expedi-
tion into the forest. It was a feas day with the Indians, and an we in left them all four in camp, meral providing ourselves with a round o son for lonch. At noon, where we sat down to eat our lunch, Murilla discovered near by a clump
buahhee bearing a yellowish This fruit he professed to recognize a enten down toward the coast, though he had never seen any betore so far in the interior. After testing them
he pronounced them delicious, but of somewhat different
on the east const on the east const.
We eat of the be
out the least suspicion of injurious
effecte, 1 finding thiem effecte, 1 finding them, as Murilla de after eating the first berry, however,
both of ua became thriled with a
strange exhilaration almost deliciously happy, Murilit
bursting out into the Por gereel with a boisterous hilarity as
though intoxicated with absinthe tem tingled with pleasing excitemen to the very finger-tips. I was fairl
intoxicated. I have a vague recol lection of making a ludicrous resolve
to check $m y$ own wild impulse to sing by nodding my head in rythmic ap
proval of Mrurilla's vocal outburstof seeing Murilla roll over on the fround, and immediately following

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from all diractions., $A$ vague impree and ant the blood forced out of then


## over mee, My eyes seemed starting from their sockets numost, a singin was in my ears; and my breath cam

 was in my ears; and my breath cam not yet fully returned to my senseslike one drugged with chlore form, or a person freezing to
death, my natural inclination wi
to let things take their cours to scemed useless to think of tryin
to extricate myself from the viselik
embrace that appeared to clutch m as in a rubber mould at terrible ten-
sion, from the waist down, It wa
only a nightmare which would pae away in a little while. And yet,
couldn t be nimghtmare, for 1 wa
dimly conscions of being nwake after all, and not asleep and drea ming.
Realizing this, by a supreme of the will I aroused my myemell-nigh
dormant faculties to a sense that Thenething terititio was the matten
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ward several feet along the groun
Horrified and bewidered, 1 raise myself up with a frantic effort, sus
ficient to olook toward my hepplese
extremity. My Godl I was hall en extrem
gulfed 2his hideous reptile, finding melying
at ength on the ground, stupefied,
had deliberately get about swallowat length
had delite
ing me.
Now, I Now, I was thoroughly aroused,
the sensation was as though som
powerful suction-pump were employ ed in dragging me remorseless
dow, down, down, inch by inch, $i$, down, down, down, inch by inch, in
to the slimy deptho of my devourer
stomach. I was suffering no prys ical pain to speak oft the dreadful
pressure on the lower half of the
body created only numbness there; above was a sense of oppressiveness,
but there was an atter absence of acute pain.
An indesce reptile that was leisurely working me down his throat. It was the breath from the foul and slimy stomach
that already entombed my teet and legs, and would ere long close over some prospect, I gave a horritied
scream of agony, and clutchingrant-
ically at the ground I struggled throat. As well might some modern Can-
ate try to stay the tidal wave's resist-




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taries, ince the year 24. D., when
she first took up her abode in, the mountain up to the present. $A$ few
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may not be uninteresting to thie gen. On a eertin rand uly night in the year
1426, John Do Barra accompanied by yhis only son Parraick lect Kinnsande
with some swine, which they intended to gell at Cork on the morrow. The
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and not at Goll an Spurra, where it lies at present,
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happy-looking couple who seem to be enterly oblivious to all that is
going on, and who do nod say what
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criticisms o their fellow traveleres.
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country stations and on interior railronds but in a less aggravated way on
the through trains andexproseses. The general appearance of a bridal couple
on the latter is just ns marked ns on the former, but they are less demon-
strative, and it must be added that sometimes even so slightyly as to al-
mot escape detection. What a colored Pullman porter
id to a Nevark Call man on this amusing topic recently seems to con-
tain the subject very veverly, and it
anows how carefully would to howy mooners shond watch themselves
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