

[The above information should give great satisfaction to the gentlemen who subscribed to the Trout Acclimatisation Association, as it practically proves that their public-spirited action has resulted in success, and that the trout are now well established in the streams on the Aberdare Range. Their progress should, however, be carefully watched, and numbers of young fish should be transferred to other streams on the range and to the head waters of the Morendat and Gil-gil rivers, and later on efforts should be made to establish them in the streams rising on the Mau plateau. Possibly members of the Society will be able to assist in this work.—EDITOR.]

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### STRANGE CASE OF SNAKE BITE

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Last month the Masai who herds the sheep on my farm on the shore of Lake Naivasha saw a half-bred lamb with a snake hanging on to its nose.

He promptly killed the snake, and as I happened to be passing, he ran to tell me.

I first looked at the snake and saw that it was a small puff adder, and then at the lamb, and noticed the beads of blood on the nostrils where the fangs had struck.

Naturally I expected to see the lamb fall over in convulsions and die, and told the Masai so.

He, however, propounded the following quaint theory.

As he had caught the snake and killed it outright the lamb would not die; if, however, the snake had escaped and lived, the lamb would have died at once.

Knowing that immediately the adder struck, all the poison in the glands had been ejected, I was incredulous.

However, beyond some subsequent swelling of the head and neck, the lamb suffered no inconvenience.

I am entirely at a loss to account for it, as I am certain it was a puff adder, about eighteen inches long.

Perhaps some one will enlighten me?