

we find that serpents themselves can be brought to move and approach at the voice of their master. From this trick successfully practised before the ignorant, it is most probable that all the boasted pretensions which some have made to charming of serpents have arisen; an art to which the native Americans pretend at this very day.

---

#### OF VENOMOUS SERPENTS.



IN all countries, the poison of the serpent is sufficiently formidable to deserve notice, and to excite our attention to its nature and effects. It will therefore, be proper in the first place, to describe its seat in the animal, as also the instrument by which the wound is made and the poison injected. In all this venomous class of reptiles, whether the viper, the rattle-snake, or the *cobra di capello*, there are two large teeth or fangs that issue from the upper-jaw, and