

“ threw it on the ground before his family;
“ crying out, I am killed, and there is my
“ murderer! In such an extremity, the spee-
“ diest remedies were the best. His arm,
“ which was beginning to swell, was tied up
“ near the shoulder, the wound was anointed
“ with oil, and every precaution taken to stop
“ the infection. By the help of a very strong
“ constitution he recovered, but not without
“ feeling the most various and dreadful symp-
“ toms for several weeks together. His arm
“ below the ligature, appeared of several co-
“ lours, with a writhing among the muscles,
“ that, to his terrified imagination, appeared
“ like the motions of the animal that had
“ wounded him. A fever ensued; the loss of
“ his hair, giddiness, drought, weakness, and
“ nervous faintings; till, by slow degrees, a
“ very strong habit overpowered the latent
“ malignity of the poison.”

The rattle-snake has been described by some authors, as being very quick in its motions, while others on the contrary, as strongly contend that it is the slowest of all the serpent kind, and to which latter opinion we are most inclined to give credit, from its perfect similarity in all other respects to the viper. This creature has also
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