

sensible, that they always dip their arrows in the poison under their fangs, when they desire to take a certain revenge on their enemies.

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### OF SERPENTS WITHOUT VENOM.

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THE whole of this class of serpents may be in a great measure distinguished from the preceding by their entire want of the fang teeth; by their heads being less in proportion to their bodies, and in general by their tapering off to the tail more gradually in a point. Their teeth are short, numerous, and in the smaller kinds perfectly inoffensive; they lie in both jaws as in frogs and fish, their points bending backwards, the better to secure their prey. They also want the artificial mechanism by which the poisonous tribe inflict such deadly wounds: they have no gland in the head for preparing venom; no conduits for conveying it to the teeth; no receptacles there; no hollow in the instrument that inflicts the wound. Their bite, when the teeth happen to be large enough to penetrate  
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