

WITH SNAKES SQUEEZING THE LIFE OUT OF HIM GEORGE ENSOR ROLLED THROUGH FIRE



shock resulting from his battle with reptiles on the rocky bank of a stream near Mountaindale.

Ensor was fishing for trout when he heard a loud hissing beneath his feet and found he had stepped on a big snake. It raised its head to strike, and he dropped his rod, seized a club and attacked it.

Famous Group of Statuary Portraying the Death of Laocöon and His Sons.

Piedmont, W. Va., July 1.—A modern Laocöon has matched the horrible experience of his ancient prototype, but escaped with his life through sheer courage and presence of mind.

He is George Ensor, a business man of this city, who is slowly recovering from many snake bites, bruises and burns and the nervous

Before he succeeded in killing the reptile, several others were upon him. He slipped and fell, and, while he struggled to rise, a dozen of the serpents, many of them from four to six feet long, had twined themselves about him, binding his arms, legs and feet.

He felt the sting of fangs and looked into the beady eyes of a big fellow hissing in his face, while his own eyes