

intention of causing its own death cannot for a moment be admitted.

Although, probably, many of my readers are acquainted with it, for the benefit of those who are not I must conclude with a well-known Indian story. Where scorpions and centipedes abound, it is the general custom of servants in India to turn their masters' boots upside down before helping to put them on. In the instance in question, where this precaution had been omitted, a cavalry officer had just put his foot into a regulation boot, when he felt something sharp touch his heel. With the greatest promptitude he lifted his leg and stamped violently on the ground, in the hope of destroying the supposed scorpion before it had time to use its sting. He found that a spur, with the rowels uppermost, had been inadvertently dropped into the boot!