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In its native haunts in North Carolina to South Illinois, Arkansas and southward, it is often found resting on overhanging bushes over streams watching for frogs and fishes. This species is considered even a more dangerous reptile than the Rattlesnake, and, unlike that animal, gives no warning of its presence.

Chain Snake. Thunder Snake. *Ophibolus getulus*.

Black, with narrow yellowish lines forking on the flanks, each fork embracing a large black spot; belly checkered; scales 21, ventral plates 210 to 240; length 50 inches, variable. This snake is represented westward by variety (*sayi*) called the King snake. Lustrous black, many scales, with a yellow spot in the centre; these sometimes forming cross lines on back; belly blotched. A handsome snake, said to be an enemy of the Rattlesnake.

Milk Snake. House Snake. *Ophibolus doliatus var. triangulus*.

Spotted adder, greyish, with three series of brown rounded blotches bordered with black; about fifty of them in the dorsal row;