

kind of catalepsy, and then became stiff and rigid resembling a stick. These serpents they have always been in the habit of concealing about their person, and then suddenly producing them from their dress, when required. One of the principal feats of the Paylli is that of turning serpents into sticks, by making them rigid and apparently dead. Thus Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses (2 Tim. iii. 8). After the summons of the king, there was probably time for them to make the necessary preparation for performing this illusion, and thus imposing on the senses by their "enchantments." Then when Aaron's rod swallowed up the rest, the magicians were discomfited, and the king perplexed and astounded. The badge of office of the sorcerers was destroyed, and the symbol of the order gone.

