

upon the ground, handling and teasing them without their showing any resentment, only arching their segmented bodies upwards with the object of protecting their needle-pointed stings; but when a palm stick, upon the end of which an apricot had been thrust, was put in front of them, they struck at the apricot with great vigour. Although the man's hand was close to them all the time, the scorpions did not attempt to strike at it, and when he withdrew it and the apricot was moved about, they darted towards the man with the horn box as if for protection.

The soft apricot was placed at the end of the palm stick to prevent the scorpions injuring the points of their stings, and on examination it was found to be covered with perforations. Remarkable to relate, the performer ate the apricot and seemed to enjoy it.

This séance was awe-inspiring, and