

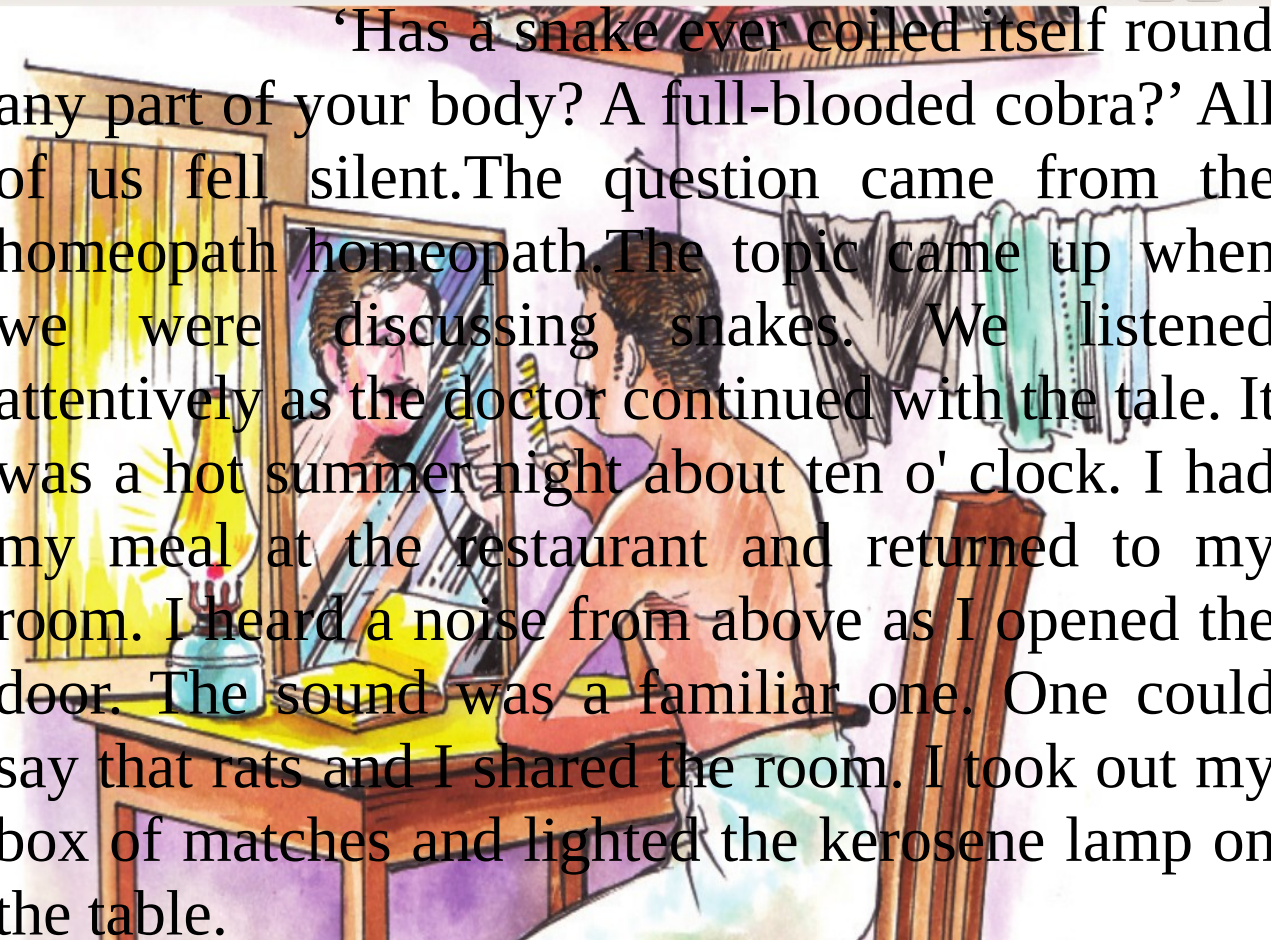


SNAKE AND THE MIRROR

Match the following images in column A with suitable expressions in column B.

1		Kerosene lamp
2		Not so white vest
3		A large mirror
4		Solitary black coat
5		Snake coiled on the body
6		Tiled roof
7		Long supporting gables
8		Materia medica

Questions 1 to 10 .Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.



‘Has a snake ever coiled itself round any part of your body? A full-blooded cobra?’ All of us fell silent. The question came from the homeopath. The topic came up when we were discussing snakes. We listened attentively as the doctor continued with the tale. It was a hot summer night about ten o’ clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table.

3 The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meagre. I had about sixty rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhotis, I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

1. Who narrates the story?
2. ‘The sound was a familiar one.’ What was the sound?

3. What was the topic of discussion between the doctor and his friends?
4. what did he hear when he opened the door?
5. What were the doctor's only possessions?
6. Why were his earnings meagre?
7. Why couldn't the doctor sleep?
8. Which book the doctor took out to read?
9. What were the other things on the table?
10. Find out the word from the passage which means 'lacking in quantity or quality'.