

“If you do not dig it,” said they, “before the king you shall go, and then you will be hanged.”

Thus exhorted the unfortunate man, in the greatest fear, labored away with all his might and at last, when the villagers saw that he had finished his task and buried the victim of his mistaken treatment they beat him well and let him go.

Uninfluenced by the severity of his punishment the man mounted his camel and went to the next village, and again gave himself out as a great doctor.

“And what can you cure?” said some

“I can cure goitre,” answered he

This time it was an old man who offered himself for treatment. But the pretended doctor said,

“Look here, good people. I shall do my best to cure this case; but remember, if I am so unfortunate as to kill him, I am not be compelled to dig the man grave.”