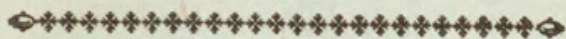


# COLUBER DOLIATUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Scuta abdominalia.*

*Squamæ subcaudales.*

*Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 275.*

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

COLUBER LACTEUS, annulis in dorso nigris  
ovatis approximatis.

*Scut. abdom. 164. Squam. subcaud. 43.*

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Pulcher hic serpens, magnitudine naturali in tabula depictus; peculiari quadam concinnitate, et colorum simplicitate distinguitur. Lactææ est albedinis, per totum dorsum annulis ovatis nigerrimis notatæ, quorum extremitates sibi invicem appropinquantes, in summo dorso, fascias duplices referunt. Spatia tria prima his annulis inclusa prope caput, sunt coloris sub-gilvo flavescentis. Interdum ad latera ventris inter singulum anulum nigrum macula conspicitur nigricans. Inter serpentes innoxios numeratur hic serpens, et in Carolina australi præcipue invenitur.



THE  
MAGPIE SNAKE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Transverse *Lamellæ* under the abdomen.

Broad alternate *Scales* under the tail.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

MILK-WHITE SNAKE, marked on the back  
with large approximated ovals of black.

*Abdominal Lamellæ* about 164. *Subcaudal scales*  
about 43.

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The elegant little snake here represented in its natural size, is distinguished by the remarkable neatness of its appearance, and the simplicity of its colors. It is milk-white, and marked down the whole length of the back with large oval rings of jet-black, the ends of which approaching each other on the top of the back, give the appearance of double bars: the three first spaces included by the ovals nearest the head are of a cream-color; and it sometimes happens that the sides of the body are marked by blackish spots between each of the oval rings. This animal is one of the harmless serpents, and is a native of South Carolina.







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