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“King Cobra meets a swift death”

This was the title of an article that appeared in the ‘Straits Times’ of a snake that was brought alive to the Raffles Museum on 10 July 1950 from the Island Golf Club. It had been caught by three men working at the club. The museum also has this handwritten note of observations made of the king cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*) and may have been written by Michael W. F. Tweedie (see next story). The snake was euthanised and a papier mâché cast was made. Sadly, the cast and the snake’s head are now missing, with only the skin still in our collections.

