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Hood of a Ceylon cobra, Naja naja (L.), also known as the spectacled cobra. These snakes are found in abundance in lowland jungles. This particular specimen has been aroused by a snake charmer and has distended its hood as a warning signal. The distention causes the scales to separate, showing the “spectacles” in bold relief. [Reg van Cuylenburg, Tucson, Ariz.]