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THE RHINOCEROS.

A young Rhinoceros is now exhibiting in this city. The scarcity of this animal, its retired habits, the difficulty and danger in taking it alive, and in keeping it, render it an object of remarkable curiosity, not only here, but throughout Europe. It is supposed to be the Unicorn of the Scriptures. That those who may embrace this opportunity of seeing so rare an animal may know something of its history and habits, the most remarkable circumstances relating to it, given by naturalists, are here briefly stated.

The Rhinoceros is a genus of mammalia, of the order Feræ. It is exceeded in size only by the Elephant. Its usual length, not including the tail, is 12 feet—and the circumference of its body, is nearly the same. There are two species—the one-horned and the two-horned. They vary very little, if any, from each other, excepting that the two-horned animal has a short horn immediately back of the long one. The animal now exhibiting here is apparently of the one horned species. It is yet too young to have a horn. A blunt projection is visible in its place. It is situated about a quarter part the distance from the nose towards the back of the head. In the full grown animal, the horn is nearly three feet in length.—It is sharp, strong, and curved—and is a weapon so formidable, as not only to secure it from the attack of almost every animal, but to strike terror in the largest and strongest. The elephant is said to avoid and fly from the Rhinoceros.