

FOUR YEARS IN BURMAH.

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which meander amongst its native plains; but fettered with artificial pomp and golden chains, confined to a regal stable, and encumbered with draperies and tinsels, what an unhappy, miserable beast that poor white elephant must have been!

Another white elephant was caught in the following year, in Pegu, and was alive twenty years later, when Crawford was ambassador to Ava.

Elephants live to a very great age, and there was recently one at Kandy in Ceylon, that was known to be upwards of one hundred and fifty years old.

There are three species of the rhinoceros known in the country. The single-horned rhinoceros, the double-horned and smooth-skinned rhinoceros, and a third named by the Karens "the fire-eating rhinoceros," so called from its propensity to rush into the midst of flames, which are often kindled in localities which they haunt, in order to entrap and destroy them.

Mason says—"The common, single-horned rhinoceros is very abundant. Though often seen on the uninhabited banks of large rivers, as the Tenasserim, they are fond of ranging the mountains, and I have frequently met with their wallowing places on the banks of mountain streams, two or three thousand feet above the plains. They are as fond of rolling themselves in mud as a hog or a buffalo. The Karens, when travelling, have quite as much fear of a rhinoceros as they have of a tiger. When provoked, the rhinoceros, they say, pursues his enemy most unrelentingly, and with indomitable perseverance. If, to escape his rage, the huntsman retreats to a tree, the beast, it is said, will take his stand beneath the tree for three or four days in succession, without once leaving his antagonist."

A harmless description of tapir (*tapirus Malayanus*), the Malay tapir, is found occasionally, and a small black species of wild hog (*sus Indicus*) is very frequently met with. Pigs