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NATAL;

A HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE COLONY:

INCLUDING ITS

NATURAL FEATURES, PRODUCTIONS, INDUSTRIAL
CONDITION AND PROSPECTS.

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of a small greyhound, and is probably the cheetah, or hunting cat (*felis jubata*), of the Cape. Another, a smaller animal about two feet long without the tail, and 12 inches high, appears to be the serval (*felis serval*) of the Cape. There is also a Kaffir cat (the *felis Caffra*), entirely distinct from the wild form of the domestic cat, which is found in flats covered with long grass or with low growth of brushwood. It preys upon smaller animals and birds that make nests on the ground. It is very fierce when attacked, and for the most part seeks refuge in the burrows of other animals.

The rhinoceros, of which four kinds are found in South Africa—namely, the black rhinoceros with unequal horns, the black rhinoceros with equal horns, the white rhinoceros, and the rare long horned white rhinoceros—have quite disappeared from Natal, although some of them may still be met within an easy ride on the Zulu-land side, beyond the Tugela. The giraffe is only seen in the high plains of the remote interior, beyond the Drakenberg. The buffalo (*bubulus Caffer*) could be found by the hunter within a few hours' ride of Pietermaritzburg within a few years. He is still sometimes met with in the high and remote districts of the colony, but for the most part has now to be sought beyond the mountains. The buffalos may generally be safely approached when feeding in herds, which scatter in all directions when they are attacked. But the solitary buffalo is apt to be a very awkward and dangerous customer. It is his habit to lie close in the cover of the bush, and then to charge down home, on some sudden impulse, carrying away everything before him. There are instances on record of a buffalo driving his horns clean through a horse's breast and out through