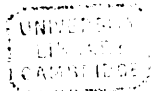




A FOREST GIANT!

A race of mountain gorilla, as yet undescribed, obtained by the author's exploring party in the forest to the west of Lake Kivu



AN AFRICAN ELDORADO THE BELGIAN CONGO

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expose themselves in this way during the day-time.

Some very fine specimens of the white or square-lipped rhinoceros have been shot in the vicinity of Faradje on the Dungu and Garamba Rivers, but a special licence to shoot them is required, a privilege granted to very few people these days, as is the case with the okapi, the gorilla and the chimpanzee. There are no giraffe within the southern limits of the Congo basin, at the present day, although both the *Giraffa cottoni* and *peralta* are reported from the northern districts of Ubangi. That magnificent forest eland, the bongo, ranges right across Central Africa, and is, moreover, abundant in every part of the Ituri forest. A great many are killed and trapped by the natives. That pig-like antelope, the water chevrotain, is a curious little beast that inhabits the Congo forest. It has a coat of thick, long, coarse, chocolate-coloured hair, creamy spots and bars along the back and white barred throat and tail. Its ears, snout and feet are bare and pig-like, its eyes are small, its head is hornless, and long canine tusks grow out of the upper jaw and protrude outside the lip. It spends most of its time in or near the rivers feeding on water plants. Puku, lechwi (both the black and red varieties), also the situtunga, are to be found in great numbers in and around the Bangweulu swamps and along the Luapula River. The latter antelope is also found in the swamps of the northern Ruanda. The black Ituri forest hog is also a great prize for the hunter. A large male stands a good three feet four inches at the shoulder



A MATEBO WOMAN

Swathed in fibre rings and necklaces and with curious charms slung from her girdle. She is the belle of a remote village perched on a mountain top in the heart of the Kivu mountains

