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with 16 spare coolies to relieve them (the chair
apparently containing the bride); about 100 officials
on horseback, in their best clothes; about 200 officials
on foot, ditto.

BIRTH OF A COCKNEY RHINOCEROS.

Mr. Frank Buckland, in a letter which appear in
the *Times* to-day, announces a remarkable event.
He says:—Not long ago it was my privilege to
announce the birth of a baby hippopotamus at
the Zoological Gardens. "It never rains but
it pours;" and it is therefore with great
pleasure I beg to inform the public through your
columns that a young rhinoceros (*R. Sumatrensis*) has
been born at the Victoria Docks. The steamship
Orchis, seventy-three days from Singapore, arrived
in the docks with one rhinoceros. Two of these
animals had been placed on board, they were male
and female; but the frightful waves smashed the
cage of the male, and he died on the voyage. This
pair of rhinoceroses had been captured by the natives
of Malacca in a pitfall. Out of six or seven rhi-
noceroses so caught, the average is only one unin-
jured and fit to send to Europe. The female alone
arrived safe in London, and on Friday evening last
this rhinoceros gave birth to a young one. My friend,
Mr. Bartlett, of the Zoological Gardens, kindly in-
formed me of the fact, and I at once went to inspect
it. The little beast, with its mother, is now at No. 1,
King's Place, Commercial-road, and is the property
of Messrs. C. W. Rice, A. H. Jamrach, jun., and C.
Hagenbeck. It is about three feet long and two feet
high. It has a ridiculous-looking innocent, hair-
less face, not unlike that of a newly-born mouse;
it carries its ears folded backwards like a hare,
and its body is covered with black hair; while
it has a little horn as big as a shilling on its
nose. It had a narrow squeak for its life. It escaped
from the cage soon after it was born, and wandered
about the ship's deck, getting quite wet and cold.
It was, however, rescued, and Mr. Bartlett called into
consultation. By his advice it was carefully wrapped
up in blankets and moved to Mr. Rice's house. On
arrival, Mrs. Rice nursed it before a warm fire till
its mother arrived in her cage. Mr. Bartlett
advised that no cow's milk should be given. After
a time, when the mother arrived in a van, she was
milked like a cow and the milk given to the young
one, and the little wretch got so lively that Mrs. Rice
could not hold him; so they put him with his
mother at once, and the pair ever since have been
doing famously in a dark, warm corner at Mr. Rice's
establishment. The little one has a box to himself
and a feather bed to sleep on. "Jack," Mr. Rice's
head keeper, sleeps in the box with the young rhi-
noceros, and takes care that it is warm and comfortable.
The mother—a great beast about 10ft. long and
about 4ft. 6in. high—has been hitherto very quiet,
but now she is getting a little savage, even though
she has a nice warm horse rug tied over, and has the
best of food. The little animal seems quite strong
and active, and walks about by himself, going into
his box or lying down by his mother when he has
had his dinner. I have tasted the milk of the rhi-
noceros. It is excellent. I suppose I am about the
only man who has tasted rhinoceros milk and eaten
a steak of young hippopotamus in London. We must
look out for new articles of food in these hard times.

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