

THE LAST WHITE RHINOCEROS.

Among the disappearing mammals of this earth of ours, the white rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros albus*), the mightiest quadruped save one—the elephant—that now exists, has in the eyes of naturalists and hunters of late years taken a very prominent place. It is only some eighty years since that Dr. Burchell, one of the earliest and best of the band of ardent naturalists who have exploited Southern Africa, first discovered and made known this gigantic creature. In Burchell's time, rhinoceros *albus* was found grazing everywhere in a peaceful abundance on the plains of South Bechuanaland and beyond; and yet at this moment (says the *Globe*) it seems to be an undoubted, if melancholy, fact that in all Africa only some five or six specimens now remain of the thousands that roamed like mighty horned pigs between the Orange and Zambesi Rivers. The tide of civilisation is sweeping surely enough many of the rarer and most interesting forms of nature clean from the face of the earth. The Dodo has gone long ago; the beautiful true Quagga (*Equus Quagga*) has vanished completely; the bison of North America, which a score of years back might be counted by hundreds of thousands, has all but become extinct; and now the white rhinoceros may be counted upon the fingers of one's hands, and will beyond all doubt (for nothing now can save it from white or native hunters) within the next two years make positively "its last appearance" upon African or any other soil. These are melancholy facts too easily accounted for by the opening up of new countries and the too ardent quest of hunters—many of them mere-slaughterers for the pitiful reward of meat and skins—and the ever-increasing destructiveness and distribution of modern arms of precision.

The white rhinoceros, which by the way is not white at all, but only a few shades paler than its cousin the slate coloured "black" rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros bicornis*), was easily distinguished by hunters by its square mouth, immensely long fore-horn, abnormally large head, and gigantic bulk. In size it often stood more than 6ft. at the shoulder, with a length from snout to tail of 16ft., and as its bulk was fully proportioned to these immense measurements, it is small wonder that even the mighty African elephant himself gained little by comparison. Indeed the length and bulk of the white rhinoceros gave him, in the eyes of most hunters, the most commanding presence. Unlike the black or prehensile-lipped rhinoceros, which plucks most of its sustenance from the bushes and shrubbery so plentiful in the African interior, its white rival fed exclusively on grass, for the procuring of which its square mouth was manifestly exactly fitted. Even dimmer of sight than *Rhinoceros bicornis*—a by no means sharp-eyed animal—the white rhinoceros was often much impeded in its direct vision by the long fore horn, which more often than not was carried not uprightly, but horizontally, and well forward, immediately in the line of sight. The head was held low, almost touching the ground, and, if with call, the cow rhinoceros kept her unwieldy baby just in front of her snout (especially in time of flight or danger), directing its course in the most marvellous manner, even at full gallop, by a dexterous yet tender application of her long horn. The white rhinoceros, like others of its kind, often slept heavily in the heat of the day, and many a goodly specimen has been slain easily and without danger while thus enjoying its siesta. If the wind was kept in the right quarter the monster was easily approached even when awake; and so soon as firearms were introduced among the Bechuanas and other native tribes its downfall quickly began.

Every hunter, Dutch, English, or native, "went for" the poor sluggish beast; at desert pools, where in time of drought vast quantities of game from an immense area were collected 30 or 40 years since, six or eight were occasionally slain in one night's shooting, and so the work of extinction had gone merrily forward. The hump of the great creature baked in its skin in a hole in the ground was esteemed one of their highest luxuries by all hunters; the thick hide was always worth a pound or two for making into *giambois* (Colonial whips), the most punishing of all-urging implements, whether for oxen or horses; while the horn was in constant demand, either as a curio for Europeans, a handle for the native battle-axe, or, in the case of abnormally long specimens, as the prized staff or *baob-kerrie* of some dark-skinned local potentate. The longest horn known in European collections appears to be one in the possession of the Natural History Museum—measuring 54in. It is pretty certain, however, that in the old days even greater measurements were known, and it is more than probable that in half forgotten private collections, and possibly here and there in the kraals of remote South African chiefs, horns of even greater length still exist.

No specimen of this vast quadruped has ever been brought alive to Europe. No complete skin or skeleton even has ever reached any museum or collection. There are one or two skulls in English Museums, and a stuffed head in the Capetown

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N. museum—from the last white rhinoceros slain nearly ten years since by the great hunter Mr. P. C. Selous. Mr. Selous himself has been trying for years to obtain a complete specimen for the Natural History Museum, but without success. The range of *Rhinoceros asiaticus*, like many other South African animals, was curiously limited, and extended only over the countries between the Orange and Zambesi rivers. During the last four years it has been generally supposed that the animal had become completely extirpated. But Mr. Selous, writing from Capetown, states that five or six specimens have quite lately been discovered in a remote corner of Mashonaland, near the Zambesi. One of these has been shot by English hunters, and it is believed that the skin and skeleton have been preserved, and are on their way down country. In the interests of science it is to be hoped that this news is true, and that the authorities of the National Museum may be able to secure these poor but deeply interesting mementoes of one of the last specimens of the mightiest terrestrial mammal, save one, that the historic world has ever seen.

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