HUNTING AFFEAD OF ROSEVELT AST

BIG GAME ABOUT NYANZA

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privates, Hottentots- very animal we wanted. one jemadar and 25

proper time for breaking ground; but, rhinoceros.

at the same time, it could hardly be expected that ten men, who had actually received their bounty-money. and had sworn fidelity, should give one the slip the very first day. Such, however, was the case. Ten out of the 36 given by the sultan ran away, because they feared that the white men, whom they believed to be cannibals, were only taking them into the interior to eat them; and one pagazi, more honest than the freed men, deposited his pay upon the ground, and first, but, the moon having passed beran away too. Go we must, however, for one desertion is sure to lead to tain so clear a mark. Still they were to narrate their own cowardice as an more; and go we did.

OFF FOR THE HUNTING GROUNDS.

Our procession was in this fashion: The kirangozi, with a load on his rifle to meet all emergencies, I plantshoulder, led the way, flag in hand, ed a ball in the larger one, and followed by the pagazis carrying brought him round with a roar and spears or bows and arrows in their

ARTING on a march scene, and the Mgogo guide, taking two.cows, and wounded a large bull, and the cows were given to my men. few presents, Baker established himwith a large mixed fright, bolted. He had not, however, which, however, got away and hid in gone long, when, looming above us, the bushes. When I approached the bines I had given him with his own his chance of pushing southward. But one corporal and nine coming over the horizon line, was the place, he sprang out of his ambush

In a fidgety manner, the beast then upon the hunter. privates, Balochs-one descended, as if he expected some Arab Cafila Bashi and danger in store-and he was not 5 freed slaves-one wrong; for, attaching a bit of white a monkey, made a violent spring and kirangozi or leader, and paper to the fly-sight of my Blissett, I swung himself by a bough immediate-100 negro porters-12 approached him, crawling under cover ly over the beast, while Faraj bolted mules untrained, three of the banks until within eighty yards away and left me single-gunned to donkeys, and 22 goats of him, when, finding that the moon polish him off. There was only one -one could hardly ex- shone full on his flank, I raised myself pect to find everybody upright and planted a bullet behind more he would have been into me; in his place at the his left shoulder. Thus died my first

DESERTED IN A CRISIS.

well as a stock to carry with them, or the beast's throat to make him "hilal," barter with the villagers for grain, I according to Mussulman usage, and waited again.

After four hours had elapsed, two bull and settle him too, we commore rhinoceros approached me in the menced retracing our steps, and by same stealthy, fidgety way as the first accident came on Grant. He was passyond their meridian, I could not obbig marks, and I determined on doing my best before they had time to wind in our course, while he would go back us; so, stepping out, with the shelkh's boys behind me carrying the second whooh-whooh, exactly to the best pohands, and bearing their share of the sition I could wish for receiving a baggage in the shape either of bolster- second shot; but, alas! on turning on all fours. I was desirous to obtain purpose of allaying his suspicion. He

and made a sudden and furious charge

course to pursue, for in one instant so, quick as thought, I fired the gun, and, as luck would have it, my bullet, after passing through the edge of one of his horns, stuck in the spine of his To make the most of the night, as I neck, and rolled him over at my feet wanted meat for my men to cook, as as dead as a rabbit. Now, having cut now retired to my old position, and thinking we had done enough if I could only return to the first wounded They came even closer than the ing by from another quarter, and became amused by the glowing description of my boys, who never omitted excellent tale. He begged us to go on and send us some porters to carry home the game.

CORPULENT ROYALTY.

ragwe was another of those wonders

It was a most ridiculous scene. Suliman by my side, with the instinct of spoke the truth, no doubt, for he dared not have trifled with the king; but the affair created hardly any interest. I never heard, and there appeared no curiosity to know what individual human being the urchin had deprived of life.

OF TRAVEL.

In the rejoining with Sir Samuel White Baker, some exciting incidents occurred. A part of Baker's escort had mutinied and a rival band of pass. Arabs under a person called Hooslid were making things unpleasant by inciting the tribes against Baker, but the Englishman was determined to proceed.

After two days' journey due east, without particular incident, they reached the boundaries of the Latooka country. On approaching the first village, about a hundred men of the The sister-in-law of the king of Ka- Turkish caravan, who were in league with Baker's mutinous escort, fired a of obesity, unable to stand excepting volley of welcome, evidently for the shaped loads of cloth and beads cov-shaped loads of cloth and beads cov-shaped with matting, each tiel into the had the mortification to see that both measure her, and induced her to give tendants advised him that the decisive moment was at hand. The next morn ing, when the Turkish drums beat the signal for starting, Baker's vakeel (head man) was not to be found; the men lay as they had been sleeping, and not a man obeyed the order, except Richarn and a native named Sall. Finally, the man named Bellaal rose, gun in hand, and faced Baker insolently, while he appeared to be making signs to the others. It was evident that the time had arrived. Baker himself must describe the occurrence

"Pretending not to notice, Bellaal, who was now as I had expected once more the ringleader, for the third time I ordered the men to rise immediately and to load the camels. Not a man moved, but the fellow Bellaal marched up to me, and looking me straight in the face dashed the butt-end of his gun in defiance on the ground, and led the mutiny. 'Not a man shall go with you, go where you like with Ibrahim, but we won't follow you nor move a step farther. The men shall not load the camels; you may employ the "niggers" to do it, but not us.

"I looked at this mutinous rascal for a moment; this was the culmination of the conspiracy; and the threats, and insolence that I had been forced to pass over for the sake of the expedition all rushed before me. 'Lay down your gun,' I thundered; 'and load the camels!' . . . 'I won't,' was his reply. 'Then stop here,' I answered; at the same time striking out as quick as lightning with my right hand upon

his jaw. "He rolled over in a heap, his gun flying some yards from his hand; and the late ringleader lay apparently in sensible among the luggage, while several of his friends ran to him, and did the good Samaritan. Following up on the moment the advantage I had gained by establishing a panic, I seized my rifle and rushed into the midst of the wavering men, catching first one by the throat, and then an other, and dragging them to the camels, which I insisted upon their im mediately loading. All except three who attended to the ruined ringleader, mechanically obeyed. Richarn and Sali both shouted to them to 'hurry; and the vakeel arriving at this mo ment and seeing how matters stood himself assisted, and urged the men

RHINOCEROS HUNTING.

A short time before this there oc curred a little adventure which nearly resulted in the death of the horse Tetel. Baker had ridden to the top of a hill in order to get a view of the surrounding country, when he per ceived two rhinoceroses at the base of the elevation. He at once ordered Tetel to be tied to a tree at the bot tom of the hill and sent a messenger to the camp for the other horses Scarcely was Tetel secured to the of the Uganda king, and at the same tree when the rhinoceros was distion that I had some mysterious con- neck and extending the men in a line time defend myself against both the turbed by two pigs, and at once began nection with the disaster that had besuspicion and the covetousness of the to walk away in a direct line towards fallen my mutineers. All remembered flanking my advance, I set out with latter, a task which required all my energy and watchfulness. Being rethe horse and rushed at him. Baker the bitterness of my prophecy. The vultures will pick their bones, and was a very little space of ground to called to court, four days after my ar- hurried toward the scene and when this terrible mishap having occurred cover, not more than two acres, but it rival, I was requested to shoot four about 600 feet off, fired. The shot so immediately afterwards took a was covered with short, rough growth said," said Johnny. cows which were loose in the in- missed, and just as it seemed as strong hold upon their superstitious and hummocks of rocks, and I had closure. The result is a striking illus- though Tetel must surely die, he minds. As I passed through the camp, traversed it twice before I perceived tration of the native barbarity. Having no bullets for my gun, I borrowed out of danger in an instant. The mesign of the men would quietly exclaim: 'Wah his tawny body slinking off behind a lillahi Hawaga!' (My God Master.) To large clump. Fully an hour later, I the revolving pistol I had given the senger returning with the horses just which I simply replied: 'Robine fe!' king, and shot all four in a second of at this point the party began the hunt (There is a God.) From that moment

hands, and giving it full-cock to a a few days after his arrival an event page, told him to go out and shoot a took place which undoubtedly was one man in the outer court, which was no cause of the consideration which he sooner accomplished than the little received in his later journeys. One urchin returned to announce his suc- afternoon a number of Ibrahim's men, cess with a look of glee such as one together with the mutineers who had would see in the face of a boy who left Baker, set out from the village had robbed a bird's nest, caught a under circumstances of great mystery. trout, or done any other boyish trick. A number of them returned at mid-The king said to him: "And did you night, still silent and mysterious, and do it well?" "Oh yes, capitally." He another day elapsed before the truth became known

A JUSTIFIED MASSACRE.

They had started to attack a village in the mountains, for the purpose of capturing slaves. Succeeding in this, they descended the mountain with their booty, when the news of a large UNCERTAINTIES AND DANGERS herd of cattle which they had failed to discover induced them to return Meanwhile the Latookas had rallied. began a flerce attack, and soon succeeded in driving the Turks down the

It was in vain that they fought every bullet aimed at a Latooka struck a rock, behind which the enemy was hidden. Rocks, stones and lances were hurled at them from all sides and from above; they were forced to retreat. The retreat ended in a panic and precipitate flight. Hemmed in and stones thrown from the mountain treat. The screaming and yelling savages closed round them. Fighting was with wild yells to the very verge of low. Down they fell, hurled to utter the last; but one and all were at reward for their atrocities.

MUTE WITNESSES OF THE SLAUGHTER.

me?" Without answering a word, they brought two of my guns and laid them have befallen me than my narrow esat my feet. They were covered with cape from death under the paws of a bad hardened like cement over the of the night, when there was no moon, locks and various portions of the bar- when one of the bearers began screamrels. My guns were all marked. As ing and in a moment the whole camp I looked at the numbers upon the was in a babel, crying: "A lion! A stocks, I repeated aloud the names of lion!" The bearer was badly scratched. the owners. "Are they all dead?" I as some beast had endeavored to asked. "None of the bodies can be make a meal from his living body. two guns were brought from the spot the man was not killed. We were by some natives who escaped, and camped in the neck of land filling out who saw the men fall. They are all the loop of a river, and when we had remained with me and done their while to discover the spoor of an enor-"Not only my own men but the and this was an unlikely procedure. you see the picture of the turtle?"

whole of Ibrahim's party were of opin- Lighting a chain of fires across the

Some little time before this, Baker | men that shut him in. Between ut participated in a very exciting hippo- was a hummock of rock and using on all sides, amidst a shower of lances potamus hunt conducted by the na this to stalk him, I drew nearer and tives. A herd was found enjoying aiming behind the shoulder, I gave above, the Turks fled pele-mele down themselves in the water, and the him a ball from my express rifle, but the rocky and precipitous ravines. negroes at once proceeded to attack my foot slipped at that precise in Mistaking their route, they came to a it. Two of them swimming out to the stant, and I struck him high up in the precipice from which there was no re- herd unperceived, as closely as pos- mighty muscles of his back. With a sible, hurled their harpoons at the terrific roar of rage that echoed be animals. One missed, but the other tween the rocks, he came in great useless; the natives, under cover of became deeply imbedded in the flesh bounds, achieving an incredible speed, the numerous detached rocks, offered of a large bull. With some difficulty, and I had just changed guns with the no mark for an aim; while the crowd on account of the frantic struggles of bearer as he alighted on the hummock of armed savages thrust them forward the beast, the other blacks of the over which I had fired. I shot point party succeeded in attaching a strong blank, rending his mighty chest, and the great precipice about 500 feet be rope to the float, which is always con- with a choking roar, he came tumbling nected with the harpoon in this kind down upon us, knocking us flat. One destruction by the mass of Latookas of hunting, and proceeded to drag him of his paws caught Sellma a terrific pressing onward! A few fought to to the shore. It was a tremendous blow, and the claws made a ghastly pull, and when they had brought him length forced, by sheer pressure, over to shallow water he suddenly changed knee on the right side. I had my face the edge of the cliff, and met a just his tactics and rushed on shore at the plunged into the rocks, and the great men. A dozen lances cast into his beast's jaws were snapping beside my open jaws had little effect, but sand head. I lay under him and felt the thrown into his eyes compelled him to convulsions of his frame, while the retreat. Six times more this was re- blood from his chest wound deluged My men were almost green with peated, when Baker, at the request of me. The men came running and fright, when I asked solemnly: the natives, finished the struggle by a dragged us away, but when I shot from his favorite rifle.

clotted blood mixed with sand, which monster lion. It was past the middle recovered," faltered my vakeel. "The it was a lion, it was a marvel that "Better for them had they lighted torches, it took but a little duty. The hand of God is heavy," I mous lion and to find that he had apreplied. My men slunk away abashed, proached from the rocky bluff behind leaving the gory witnesses of defeat us, and when frightened away, had and death on the ground. I called rushed into this natural cul de sac made Saat and ordered him to give the two by the river loop. He could not have bones like we have; only this shell to

wound, tearing the flesh from hip to wiped the blood and dirt from my eyes, he was dead. He was the largest lion I have ever seen, was in his prime, and was a magnificent speci-(Copyright, 1909, by Benj. B. Hampton.)

Called Teacher

Kindergarten Teacher Unfortunate in Selection of Subject to Elucidate.

"Now, children," said the kindergar ten teacher in a determined effort to introduce nature study to her class, "I want you to look at this picture of a turtle. See his shell like a little house for him to creep into so that nothing can hurt him. See how good God has been to him. He hasn't any escaped, save by swimming the river, hide in when he's afraid. Can all of

"Ya-as 'um."



RHINOCEROS ALMOST GORES OUR HORSE TETEL.

thich they laid on the shoulder; then elter-skelter came the Wanguana, oxes, bundles, tents, cooking-pots-Il the miscellaneous property on used, no traces of blood. heir heads; next the Hottentots, drag ing the refractory mules laden with mmunition-boxes, but very lightly, to ave the animals for the future; and, scort, while the boats, sick women nd stragglers brought up the rear 'rom first to last, some of the sick lottentots rode the hospital donkeys, llowing the negroes to tug their aninals; for the smallest ailment threw hem broadcast on their backs.

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On the seventeenth of November tubeho pass. The country was so imished that nothing but the continal hunt for elands, antelopes and her wild game kept the caravan om starvation. The forced marches hich we were compelled to make at ast carried us more rapidly on our ay. In three days more we arrived Ugogi, where there was little more od than in the mountain region; the tives were already mixing their

scarce in the wells that we were

LLING MY FIRST RHINOCEROS.

Continuing our march, at Kanyenye, o or three stations before entering the "Fiery Field," I was lucky ough to shoot a rhinoceros. Having of tripe, or liver, or lights, or whatrned that they frequented a bitter ever else it might have been his forol in the neighborhood, I set forth tune to get off with th the guide and two of the sheikh's ys, each carrying a single rifle, and scorced myself in the nullah, to

ork of a three-pronged stick, or else | the black boys had made off, and were | me facilities for doing so by offering pils of brass or copper wire tied in scrambling like monkeys up a tree. At in return to show her a bit of my ven weights to each end of sticks the same time, the rhinoceros, fortunately for me, on second consideration, turned to the right-about, and arrying carbines in their hands, and oxes, bundles, tents, cooking-pots— the case when conical bullets are took her dimensions, as follows:

DIVIDING THE SPOILS. Thus ended the night's work. We now went home by dawn to apprise all nally, Sheikh Said and the Baloch the porters that we had flesh in store for them, when the two boys who had so shamelessly deserted me, instead of hiding their heads, described all the mimicry as set the whole camp in a could find it; but, though this precaure reached Inenge, at the foot of the tion was quickly taken, still, before the tough skin of the beast could be cut through, the Wagogo began assembling like vultures, and fighting with my men. A more savage, filthy, disgusting, but, at the same time, grotesque scene than that which followed cannot be conceived. All fell to fashionable female life, it must b knives and hatchets, cutting and slashing, thumping and bawling, fighting and tearing, tumbling and wrestlill stores of grain with the seeds ling up to their knees in filth and blood in the middle of the carcass. When a tempting morsel fell to the liged to purchase it at the usual possession of anyone, a stronger ice of beer; the cattle, sheep and neighbor would seize and bear off the wls were both scarce and very ex- prize in triumph. All right was now a matter of pure might, and lucky it was that it did not end in a fight between our men and the villagers. These might be afterward seen, one by one, covered with blood, scampering home each with his spoil-a piece

NARROW ESCAPE FROM A BULL

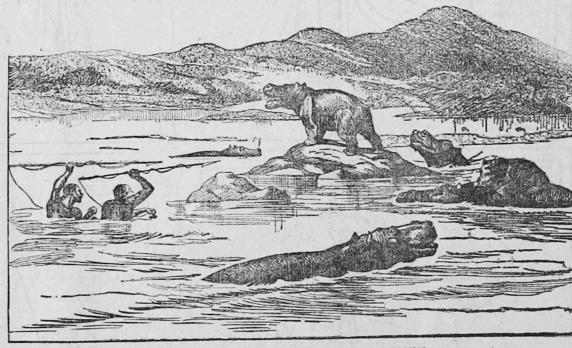
BUFFALO. On the sixth of December, the party rive, and there remained until midght. When the hitherto noisy vilzers turned into bed, the silvery
on shed her light on the desolate

| I shot another rhinoceros, and soon after came upon a herd of buffalo in the fifth and settled him. Great the friendship of those of Ibrahim, all of whom now applause followed this wonderful feat, the prevention of the death of both in the manner of both my people and those of Ibrahim, all of whom now applause followed this wonderful feat, the prevention of the death of both in the death of both in the death of both in the death of both my people and those of Ibrahim, all of whom now applause followed this wonderful feat, the prevention of the death of both my people and those of Ibrahim, all of whom now applause followed this wonderful feat, the prevention of the death of both in the death of both my people and those of Ibrahim, all of whom now applause followed this wonderful feat, the prevention of the death of both my people and those of Ibrahim, all of whom now applause followed this wonderful feat, the prevention of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both my people and the friendship of the death of both m

naked legs and arms. The bait took as I wished it, and after getting her to sidle and wiggle into the middle of Round the arm, one foot 11 inches; chest four feet four inches; thigh, two feet seven inches; calf, one foot eight inches; height, five feet eight inches. All of these are exact except the height, and I believe I could have obtained this more accurately if I could have had her laid on the floor. knowing what difficulties I should night's scenes with such capital have to contend with in such a piece of engineering. I tried to get her roar. We had all now to hurry back height by raising her up. This, after to the carcass before the Wagogo infinite exertions on the part of us both, was accomplished, when she sank down again, fainting, for her blood had rushed into her head. Meanwhile, the daughter, a lass of 16, sat stark naked before us, sucking at a milk-pot on which the father kept her at work by holding a rod in his hand; for, as fattening is the first duty of work, armed with swords, spears, duly enforced by the rod if necessary. I got a bit of a flirtation with missy, and induced her to rise and shake hands with me. Her features were lovely, but her body was as round as a ball.

THE KING'S EXECUTIONER. For a month or two nothing could be done, except to retain the good-will suspicion and the covetousness of the rive, and there remained until midentered the Fiery Field; the next day time; but as the last one, only wound-





NATIVES HARPOONING A HIPPO POTAMUS.

was a very little space of ground to the right hand. Well, Johnny?" caught another glimpse of him and of knowledge the kindergarten teachjust as dawn was coming I saw him er still rallied her wits to the mainthe third time crouched in some reeds | tenance of disicipline. "You may si between two rocks, his right flank down, Johnny," she said with a force toward me and his eyes roving back smile. "You may sit down. There are and forth across the line of fires and different sorts of turtles."

hard shell for the poor little boneless thing? Do you all of you understand? Any one who doesn't understand raise "I don't understand anything you've

"Why not, Johnny?"

"Because," sald Johnny, "because the turtle certainly has got bones." In the presence of conviction born