

Taxidermizing a Rhinoceros.

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Dr. Plaack, of Schenectady, and Dr. Hall, of Albany, were up to Hoffman's Wednesday, and had Foropugh's dead rhinoceros skinned, cut, disjointed, the meat cut from the bones, boxed, and sent to Rochester. The bones will be put in

shape in that city, or, in other words, the skeleton will be prepared for being placed in the Albany Museum. The hide was sent for preparation for studying. Prof. Ward, of Rochester, with his assistants, arrived on the ground Tuesday. Prof. Ward proceeded to a blacksmithshop and had a number of peculiar tools made under his own supervision, and procured grapnels, ropes, etc. The labor of removing the skin was commenced Wednesday. The skin is from $\frac{5}{8}$ to 1 inch thick, and some idea of its weight may be obtained when it is stated that it required twelve strong men to lift the box containing it. The skin will have to be reduced one-half in bulk, and will be put over a manikin, by the improved French method, the old German method of stuffing with straw being found impracticable. To properly prepare the skin a large vat will have to be made, in which the skin will be placed over night in a solution of alum and salt. It will be taken out each day and worked down. The operation will require about two weeks. It is believed that the animal can be placed in the museum during the winter. The skeleton will not be arranged before next August. The eyes and a portion of the tendons will be sent to the Albany Medical College and the viscera to Cornell University. The animal was 7 years old. The skin of the giraffe was delivered yesterday, and it is believed that the body will also be recovered.