

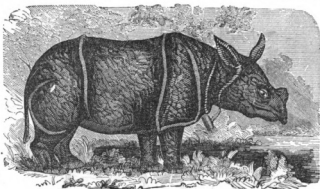
ILLUSTRATED
And Descriptive
HISTORY OF THE ANIMALS
CONTAINED IN
VAN AMBURGH & CO'S
NEW
Great Golden Menagerie
COMBINATION.



HYATT FROST, MANAGER.

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BLACK INDIAN RHINOCEROS.

THIS remarkable animal, which has not been exhibited in the United States for the past twenty years, is the only one now in the country, — having been captured in the wild morasses of Africa, by Van Amburgh & Co.'s agents, and sent over for exhibition in their mammoth collection. This quadruped belongs to the race of *pachyderms*, and is remarkable for his peculiar formation, being completely armor-clad, his whole body, except his eyes, being impregnable to javelin, arrow, or rifle-ball. He inhabits marshy places. His strength is enormous, and he frequently has desperate conflicts with the Elephant, whom he invariably vanquishes with the hard, long horn with which his nose is armed. He is the undoubted *Unicorn* of the Bible, of whom it is said: "His scales are his pride: shut up together as with a close seal." "He esteemeth iron as straw and brass as rotten wood." —Job lxi. 27.

The Rhinoceros, without being ferocious or carnivorous, or even very wild, is nevertheless untamable. He is of the nature of a hog, blunt and grunting, and devoid of intellect or tractableness. Without being useful, the Rhinoceros is very hurtful, by the prodigious devastation he makes in the fields. The skin is the most valuable part of this animal, which makes the best and hardest of leather.