

ailed to the Danian, though mostly of human origin, and not dangerous to mankind."

ACCIDENT TO THE RHINOCEROS AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

THE young male single-horned rhinoceros at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, has just afforded a very singular instance of self-mutilation. The three magnificent specimens are now located in the new elephant house and yards. On Wednesday last the male and female of the single-horned species were in the adjoining yards, when the male attempted to upheave the massive iron railings dividing them by placing his horn under the lower transverse bar and raising it. Fortunately, the inclosure was constructed with a perfect knowledge of the enormous strength of these pachyderms, and could not be moved; but the animal made repeated attempts, and at last the thick massive horn was torn away from the head and fell into the yard. At first there was a considerable loss of blood, and the animal roared lustily for a few minutes. He soon, however, became calm, and is now as quiet as usual. The large surface exposed was shortly covered with flies, and, to prevent their ova being deposited, Mr Bartlett most judiciously applied a coating of neat's foot oil. The animal now takes his food as usual, and seems none the worse for the accident.

The fact that an animal should of his own accord injure himself to such an extent is another proof, if one were wanting, that the sensitiveness to pain is not as great in animals of low cerebral organisation as in man.

The three young male giraffes, whose arrival in London we noticed a few weeks since, have been deposited in the Gardens by Messrs Hagenbeck and Rice.

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