

occupation probably more suitable, and within the reach of

A BEGGAR ON HORSEBACK.

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### PROPER FORM OF RIFLE-SHOT FOR THE ELEPHANT, RHINOCEROS, &c.

SIR,—Having read some weeks ago in *THE FIELD* questions and answers as to the best description of firearm for hunting large animals in Africa, I would recommend a strong rifle carrying a 2oz. spherical ball; the shot may be made to weigh 3 or 4 oz. when of the elongated form.

On the 15th June, 1833, I wrote to the editor of the *Mechanic's Magazine*, describing what I considered to be the best description of rifle-shot for killing the elephant, rhinoceros, and other large wild animals; it was an iron or steel pointed cylindro-conoidal shot, such as I presented to the United Service Museum in the same year. A similar shot to this was used by the celebrated lion-slayer Jules Gerard; and he speaks in high commendation of it in his interesting account of lion-hunting in North Africa. This shot is described, with drawings, Nos. 4 and 12, page 6, in my pamphlet on projectiles (Hebert, 88, Cheapside).

Rosherville, April 6.

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### PROPOSED TAX ON DOGS AND GUNS.

SIR,—I am pleased to find that two of your corres-

