

abolish; and I should be ashamed to mention how many misses I made.

My friend shot better and bagged more birds than I did. On returning through Pesh I made arrangements with young Count S. To form one of a party that were going to hunt chamois on the Altai, one of the highest of the mountains...

On returning to Dehra I heard that a covey of two of partridges had been shot by an English sportsman...

And now my stray notes are finished; for, with the exception of the H. I. I have nothing to record...

SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN FRANCE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PARIS, DEC. 19.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of fat fowls, chess, and butter is now in progress at the Paris Exhibition. It is much inferior to that of last year...

There is, however, little to be said this week as to sport, and the committee for the reorganisation of our military forces has been received with the greatest interest...

The theatres are opening this season by the usual reviews of the past year; and at one of these, the Dilemme Comique, there was yesterday a most significant demonstration against any increase of the public debt...

Foreigners, after a most unsuccessful campaign at Compigne, which has been the subject of universal merriment. It is really a pity to see a pack which ought to do so well...

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of accidents to the young of this famous cove, only one is still alive. It is a bitch, which is well worthy of her descent...

The "Terai" may be said to consist of two parts, upper and lower; the former clothes the lower slopes of the Himalaya, the latter extends for a length of three miles from the sources of the Raptage to the hills and jungles of Assam...

THE WILD SPORTS OF THE TERAI.

A SHORT DESCRIPTION of the natural history and wild sports of the Terai, or great forest, which runs along the entire base of the great Himalaya range...

My lot to traverse, however, in the discharge of duty or in the pursuit of its strange and interesting denizens, a large portion of this forest; but the Oude and Rohildand Terai are the portions of it with which I have been acquainted...

Besides the sal (Valis robusta) there are found in the Terai of Oude and Rohildand the very large fig tree (the Ficus religiosa, or Ficus Indica) and there are dense thickets of bamboo...

The Bhootan Terai (which I shall have cause to remember) appears to consist chiefly of bamboo jungle and vast grassy meads...

On approaching the forest from the plains of Oude we enter a vast wide fertile plain, marked broken by a clump of sal or fig trees. These detached woodlands form as it were the outlying pickets of the forest...

They traverse this region are the Babbes, Goura, Goomtee, and Rungas; but many of their tributaries within this country be thought considerable rivers. Their sources are in the mountains of the Himalaya, but their distance from their source with thick jungle, the abode of many wild animals...

The forest, or Terai proper, being situated on a gently sloping ground, is bounded on the west by a low range of hills, and on the east by a higher range of hills...

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A few remarks on his appearance, character, and habits may not be out of place. The rhinoceros is a large animal, as equally in size as the African rhinoceros, whether white or black...

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Owing to the thickness of the covert which he frequents in these jungles, and the fact that the hunters are rarely among the trees (men at least) much shooting does not seem to be very popular...

Of deer, there are spotted, or axis, in plenty, also hog deer, and the noble sambar, which in the male sometimes stands nearly fourteen feet in the shoulder...

I have often noticed that so few English sportsmen visit these "happy hunting grounds," now so easy of access by the railway...

In conclusion, I would advise a traveller desirous of trying his hand at tiger-shooting in North India to establish his headquarters at some station near the Terai, such as Lucknow or Bareilly...

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