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SIR,-I have just returned with a brother officer from snipe-shooting in the little marshes close to Pietermaritzburg, where we had what I in the little marshes close to Pietermaritaburg, where we had what I considered some rather curious sport. As I was going along! nearly trod on a black mass rather more than a foot square, which I took to be awter stake. I jumped to one side and put a charge of shot into the middle of it, when to my astonishment two things remarkably like two halves of a sha were blown into the air, while the rest of the imaginary water snake suddenly became a lot of fish trying to wriggle away and swim in about two inches depth of water, which they were scarcely able to do. I shouted only. Come on M., the whole place is alive with fish, young barbel, besides the one which was shot life. It is not wither an unusual occurrence to find barbel quietly grating about a marshy mendow? About twenty yards from where we caught the barbel is a small drain, which runs into a little stream some three or forn hundred nd nk he ps re he small drain, which runs into a little stream some three or four hundred yards lower down. I presume that the heavy rain of last night must rhave flooded the drain over its banks, and that the barbel worked their way from the stream up the drain, and so on over the land to where we

found them. he I see that several of your correspondents have lately been inquiring about the shooting in Natal. Some ten or fifteen years ago Natal was ry a on undoubtedly abundantly stocked with vast quantities of game of all kinds. Such is not the case now, although there is still very fair buck al a and partridge shooting to be had in most parts of the colony. Of course in a country of this sort the game decreases as fast as the human popula-tion increases, and herds of cattle and flocks of sheep have taken the place of buffaloes and clauds, &c. A few years ago one could leave Maritzburg in the morning and return in the evening of the same day, y, to having bagged six or eight bucks of different sorts, but I should say that t. two or three years hence all the various kinds of antelopes will be nearly g's extinct in Natal, at any rate in the neighbourhood of the towns. Still of there is even yet a fair sprinkling of reitbok, ourebi, duiker, steinbok, and ut other small antelopes in the more unpopulated districts, while in the Newcastel district, north of the Biggaraberg, are large herds of black wildebest, blesbok, quagga, &c., and a few lions. (N.B. Wheever quaggas abound you may be sure lions are not far off.) On the slopes of the Drakensberg are a few clands, the remnants of herds of those magnificent antelopes which were formely plentful enough in Natal, ul

ve he al but which have been ruthlessly and indiscriminately destroyed. For one wanch have been rutniessly and indiscriminately destroyed. Pointsance, in November, 1809, a Kaffic chief, named Langabalel, turned out a lot of his men, and it one day they killed eleven clands. No would not be a lot of the men, and it one day they killed eleven clands. No would be the last session the Colonial Government passed a law to pervent the wanton destruction of animals and birds of game out of season, but at present I believe the law is held in abeyance by the home authorities, for what reason I cannot tell. Some say it is for fear of oppressing the poor Kaffirs, who, if they were not allowed to kill the geans, would œ, ıll he 18, re, starve. One thing is certain, that if the Kaffirs are allowed to go on slaughtering the young and old of almost everything that has life at all seasons of the year, there will very shortly not be a head of game left in the country. 14-The nearest big game shooting to be got from Natal is in the Zulu lly s: country, or, better still, in the Amatonga country, between St. Lucia Bay and Delagoa Bay. Really good sport is to be got there. The game of includes lions, panthers, leopards, buffaloes, rhinoceros, sea-cows, eland, 10ng

incurace isons, pashlers, isoparis, outlances, runoceros, sea-cows, dampala, and many other kinds of antelopes, while there are plenty of patrilges, ducks, geese, powers, branched and control patrilges, of bustard. I formed one of a shooting party in that country last July and August. We went to the neighbourhood St. Lucia Bay and hard first-rale sport. The great drawback in that country last July abouting has bothing has been done on foot one of foot, bus healthing a plinate is were more more than the country of the property of the country of th horses, and shooting on foot in so relaxing a climate is uncommonly fagging work. I fear that I have already taken up too much of your valuable space, if indeed you should deem my scribbling at all worthy of an obscure corner in the columns of your interesting journal. Fort Napier, Natal, Dec. 29, 1866. JUNO.

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in 3W AN ADVENTURE WITH A SLOTH BEAR.—Reading about bears (the Indian variety) in a late number of THE FIELD, I determined for the first time in my life to rush into print and send you a few hunting incidents.

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NEWMARKET HOUGHTON MEETING

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THURSDAY.

STAKES (Handicap) of 10 sovs each, 5 ft, with 199 added, for all ages quarters of a mile. To close and name on Monday, at nine p.m.

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WALTON STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 100 added; weight for age, with selling allowances; half a mile. To close and na ue by nine p.m. on Wednesday.

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March: 100 sovs, h ft; Lord Westmorland's Ganymede agst Mr J. B. Morris's Allesbury, both three-year-olds, 8st 10lb each: 1 mile.

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M'Donough's Wild Deer, with a colt foal, named Knight of accepting the fixer.

Richmond, Mr R. Wright's Prairie Bird, by Touchstone, a bay colt by Arthur Wellesley, which is called The Dashing Lake; the yearling core brother to the above, The Boyal Rake; the yearling life by Ivan in the 3rd inst, at West Auckland, Mr Taplin's Queen of England, by ox, a colt foal by Cramond.

FOREIGN FIELD SPORTS.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN FRANCE. [FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] PARIS, MAY 16.

A LL THE SPORTS AND PASTIMES of the season circle round of anything else. The International receptions are going on in the Parisian drawing-rooms. The fife of the President of the Corps Législatif, on Thursday last, was very splendid; the buffets were overloaded with every luxury which one can imagine, and the gardons atomat the galace were brilliantly ill up be buffets were overloaded with every luxury which one can imagine, and the gardons atomat the galace were brilliantly ill up be more changed and the propose, poured for the more changed in the second of the Municipal Guard of Paris, conceaded under the folds of a tent erected for the purpose, poured forth its melodious strains in the silence of the night. The aspect of the ball-room, to, was very beautiful, it being surrounded by two arched galleries, containing a very fine set of oil paintings belonging both to the public collections of the content of

rich and elegant crowd, which they besiege all along the road, is Emperor went down to Saint Germain on Sunday last to gurate the Misseum of Celtic, Gallic, and Roman remains which been lately arranged there under his anspices, as illustrative of the first ages of the French nation. MM. Lartet and sty's famous discoveries of the remains of the stone ages as the store, Centre of Course of Courses, Colbe, and Lartet and sty's famous discoveries of the remains of the stone ages as a store, Course of Courses, Colbe, and Lartet and the store of the course of the most advantage of the store ages as a store of the course of the cou

gaining for him the cross of officer of the Legion of Honour. The rural national guard or pompiers of the department came out in force to honour his Majesty, and lined on each side the streets through which the imperial cortège passed. One could not help remarking on the strange variety of guns with which they were armed, some having still the old flint instrument. Speaking last year of the turn out of rural pompiers at Chalons on the Empress visiting the town, I had occasion to remark how strange it was to wisting the town, I had occasion to remark how strange it was to wisting the town, I had occasion to remark how strange it was to reports of the needle-guns, Chasepor infles, and other engines of modern artillery; but on Sunday last it seemed as if these old flint guns had been specially put in requisition to honour the age of stone of which the Palais of St. Germain will now be the temple.

The prospects of silk culture in France are this year very good, at least, as far as things go at present. This is owing to the great number of silkworm eggs imported direct from Japan during the number of silkworm eggs imported direct from Japan during the health, while all the worms bred from those eggs in creat quantities, particularly of the yellow occoon breed, are subject to sickness, and there is little hope of their recovery. Around Valence the worms are now coming into the third stage of their life, which is the most difficult to go through, and the Japanese worms have not shown the least signs of uneasiness. The milberry leaves are of good quality. The mature yellow breeds sell for 64 to 74 f., while the Japanese fetch from 36, to 44, the kilogramme.

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