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(To be continued.)

THE WHITE RHINOCEROS.

ONE of the greatest desiderata in our zoological collections is the white rhinoceros of South Africa, the *Rhinoceros simus* of Burchell, which has never yet been seen alive in Europe, and of which there is, we believe, not even a perfect skeleton in any museum in England. The Council of the Zoological Society are very desirous of adding a specimen of this animal to the unrivalled collection in the Regent's Park Gardens; and, as they are extremely liberal in such matters, any African travellers who may be so situated as to be able to assist the society in obtaining such an animal would not only benefit the interests of zoological science, but might do so with advantage to themselves.

DALRYPER, OR NORWEGIAN VALLEY GROUSE.

SIR,—It may perhaps interest some of your readers to hear that I have been trying the experiment of introducing these beautiful birds into Scotland. The successful introduction of the Scotch grouse into Sweden

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