

The White Rhinoceros as the Unicorn. — The abstract in the *Field* of Feb. 13 of Dr Trouessart's paper on the white rhinoceros as the original of the unicorn of the ancients is of great interest, and it seems probable that this rhinoceros really contributed to the unicorn legend. It may, however, be worth putting on record that with the exception of the passage in Diodorus Siculus, the authorities cited by Dr Trouessart have been anticipated by evidence that some Asiatic rhinoceros was also connected with the unicorn myth. Two instances may be cited from Colonel Yule's second edition of *The Book of Ser Marco Polo*. In Burma the Venetian traveller went through "great woods abounding in elephants, unicorns, and other wild beasts" (ii. 89). The Sumatran unicorns were very nearly as big as wild elephants, with hair like that of a buffalo, feet like those of an elephant, and a horn in the middle of the forehead, which is black and very thick. "'Tis a passing ugly beast to look upon, and is not in the least like that which our stories tell us of as being caught in the lap of a virgin; in fact, 'tis altogether different from what we fancied" (ii. 265).

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