

Habits of the White Rhinoceros.—Mr Roosevelt contributes to the January number of the *American Museum Journal* notes, illustrated by photographs, of the habits of the white rhinoceros in the Lado Enclave—altogether, between thirty and forty individuals of the species, of which nine were killed for various American museums. On account, apparently, of their poor eyesight and generally sluggish disposition, these rhinoceroses could easily be approached to within a distance of 20ft., when they could be watched for as long as the spectators desired. Every night they go either to the Nile or to a pool to drink, and after quenching their thirst travel back into the dry country, stopping from time to time to graze, as opportunity occurs. About 9 a.m. they lie down to rest, usually in the scanty shade of a thorn tree, where they remain till well on in the afternoon, when they resume grazing, and continue feeding until sundown. As a rule, the males are found alone, and the females accompanied only by their calves; but occasionally three or four may be seen in company. Their tracks are easy to follow; and when the animals are overtaken they appear less excitable and less bad tempered than the black species, although they will occasionally charge. All this agrees with the accounts given of the habits of the southern race of the species in former days; and it especially emphasises—now that Lado has come under British rule—the need of protecting these animals from undue slaughter.