

Maiduguri, Bornu Province,
N. Nigeria.

EAST AFRICAN RHINOCEROS.

SIR,—Particulars of a remarkable rhino shot a few miles from Meru by Capt. J. W. Hallowes, of the 5th K.A.R., would probably interest many readers of the *Field*. The animal was a large, and, I should say, very old bull, its hide showing many scars and large white, unpigmented patches. The rear horn was strongly curved *forwards*, much flattened laterally in the last 6in. or 8in. of its length, and measured $24\frac{1}{2}$ in., with a diameter of $18\frac{1}{2}$ in. at the base. The fore horn was $21\frac{1}{2}$ in. long and 2in. round the base, and showed no sign of having been broken off. Twenty-four and a half inches is, I believe, a world's record for the rear horn of a rhino, and the peculiar shape and curvature of this one renders it further remarkable. The animal was shot in forest at an elevation of about 7000ft., and was at the time in company with a female, which Capt. Hallowes assures me had no trace of horns. As he got to within 25 yards of it, and examined it with field glasses, he could hardly have been mistaken.

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Meru, Kenya Colony.