

THE WHITE RHINOCEROS IN ZULULAND.

SIR,—The Johannesburg *Star*, of Saturday, Aug. 5, 1922, contains the depressing item of news that when Mr Roberts and F. O. Noome, of the National Museum, were in Zululand game reserve collecting botanical specimens recently they came across the skeletons of two white rhinoceros, one of them recently killed. Although these beasts are protected, the recent account states that "the settlers take every opportunity of killing them on the supposition that these rhino carry nagana, the cattle plague."

When tsetse fly are numerous, there must be many more likely carriers than this rare creature. I suggest that the Union Government of South Africa should circularise these settlers, explaining to them the criminal folly of killing a rare and harmless beast, which the verdict of "not proven" still protects—or ought to protect—from senseless slaughter.

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