

## BENGAL RHINO

SIR,—Last November, from Darjeeling, three of us went off on a ten-days' shoot 60 odd miles from Silifuri in the Dooars, Bengal. In the early hours of one morning we were on our forest bungalow elephant following up a wounded tiger. We were amazed to see some little distance ahead of us a rhinoceros basking and washing in a stream. Being very rare now in India, and also on occasions fierce, and knowing their habit of charging on sight, we made the mahut turn and retreat as quickly as possible. The rhino surely but slowly realised our presence and looked up and blinked his small eyes, but we left him to his morning bath. We heard from the local shikari that there was quite a big known herd moving about in that part of the world, but not often seen.

Yours faithfully,

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