

'Tis noon, and the beasts' shadows even have fled
Back to their feet, and there is fire around
And fire beneath, and overhead the sun.

Yours obediently,

VIATOR.

RHINOCEROS'S SKULL FOUND NEAR EALING.

Dr. H. A. Laurence, an antiquary, of Ealing, was recently informed that a curious skull had been found partly buried in the garden of "The Grange," Perivale, which is mentioned in Domesday Book. Upon investigation Mr. Laurence came to the conclusion that the skull was that of a prehistoric rhinoceros, and a geologist in the neighbourhood supported this view, adding that it dates from the Pleistocene period.

It appears that 12 years ago large excavations were made in the grounds of "The Grange," and several other remains were found, amongst which were part of a Roman wall, human skulls, coins, and spears. The rhinoceros skull was then found underneath a shed, which has been standing for 300 years. As little importance was attached to it at the time the skull was given to the gardener, and was used as a plaything by his children. Mr. L. Roberts, to whom "The Grange" belongs, has now found the lower jaw, teeth, and legs of the animal. The skull is about 36in. in length, and seems to be water-worn.

KARLSBAD NOTES.

The festivities at Karlsbad in honour of the Emperor Francis Joseph's birthday began with a ball for the benefit of the White Cross Society at the Imperial Hotel on Saturday night, among those present being Lord Westbury, Lady Cowdray, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hannan, Mr. Stephen Elkins, and Sir Frederick Taylor. A gala performance was given at the theatre

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