

## ARRIVAL OF A TWO-HORNED RHINOCEROS.

WHEN Capt. Frederick Hood was engaged at the Keddahs at Chittagong, on the Malabar Coast, in buying elephants for the Government of India, news was brought him by the natives of the capture, about twenty-five miles from his station, of a double-horned rhinoceros. He at once started with eight elephants to bring the rhinoceros to Chittagong. He found her fastened to a tree, and at once secured her with ropes between two elephants. The difficulty of bringing her was very great, as during the journey, whenever she came in the neighbourhood of water or morass she at once struggled to get free, and on several occasions succeeded in getting away, and, rushing into the mud, buried herself up to the snout. The difficulty then was to know how to extricate her from her chosen position, and here we have an excellent instance of the extraordinary sagacity, almost amounting to reason, on the part of an elephant. Whilst Captain Hood was wondering by what means he could succeed in extricating the rhinoceros from the mass of mud in which she had embedded herself, a female elephant of more than usual intelligence, that was one of the guides, quietly walked into the morass, and placed herself behind the rhinoceros, applied her gigantic forehead to the animal, and forcibly pushed her clean out of the morass. On reaching Chittagong she was placed in a stockade, when she was extremely restless for many days. Captain Hood believed that there was something more than bare uneasiness at the confinement that rendered her so restless. He told one of the natives to feed her with sugar-cane, of which she was particularly fond, whilst he entered the stockade to examine her. The result of the inspection was that he found two large ulcers in a terrible condition beneath each shoulder, the sores being formed by the cutting of the ropes. He at once proceeded to cleanse these wounds, and to dress them, which he did for several days, until the animal quite recovered, and her gratitude and tameness to him can only be paralleled by Androcles and the Lion. From that time she was a most interesting pet (the name given her is Begum), although of a very large size, and would allow herself to be ridden about. Mr. Jamrach's son, who went out purposely to purchase her from Captain Hood, has just arrived home with her safe and sound.

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## ARRIVALS AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

- 2 Sloth Bears (*Melursus labiatus*)
- 1 Pennant's Penguin (*Apterodytes Pennantii*)
- 2 Argus Pheasants (*Argus giganteus*)
- 2 Hahn's Macaws (*Ara Hahni*)
- 2 Common Kestrels (*Tinnunculus alaudarius*)
- 1 Chopi Starling (*Anthobus chopi*)

- 2 Violaceous Plantain Cutters (*Musophaga violacea*)
- 1 Greater Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*)
- 1 Senegal Touracou (*Corythaeus persa*)