

THE Late King of Oudh's Birds and Animals :—
We have received a catalogue of the birds and animals belonging to the late King of Oudh, and no one who had not visited the collection would believe what a large number of specimens his Majesty had got together. The catalogue gives the prices of everything to be sold, commencing with two female rhinoceroses, which are priced at Rs. 2,000 each. A Bagdad dromedary will cost Rs. 500, and those who are admirers of Russian bears can have the choice of four specimens at Rs. 400 each. Country jackals can be bought at Rs. 4 each, but a white country jackal is priced at Rs. 150. Country foxes, of which there are 22, can be bought for Rs. 2 each, but the English foxes are valued at Rs. 100. A country cat is priced at a rupee, and Australian native cat at Rs. 25, and Kabul cats at Rs. 30 each. There are a reindeer valued at Rs. 1,250, and a male and female antelope

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at Rs. 1,000 each, but a common Indian antelope can be got for Rs. 20, and Indian fighting rams for the same price. An adult African drill monkey is valued at Rs. 1,090, African baboons at Rs. 400 each and a white Singapore Jew monkey at Rs. 230. There is one giant rat, whose value is estimated at Rs. 100, while ordinary rats will cost one rupee each, though they can be bought in the streets of Calcutta for much less. The two Llamas valued at Rs. 500 each, and a white Abyssian donkey at Rs. 200, while alligators are valued at Rs. 100 each. There are no less than 10,500 gold fishes in the collection, and the variety of birds is very large. Cassowaries are valued at Rs. 350 each, emus at Rs. 300, and a Derbion screamer at Rs. 200, but his name is certainly not a recommendation. A Japan crane is priced at Rs. 300, a Siberian goose at Rs. 100, and magpie geese at Rs. 150 each, while a yellow country parrot can be bought for Rs. 100, and a green macaw parrot for Rs. 200. There are several aviaries stocked with small birds of sorts, valued at from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 each, and the list closes with 19,000 flying pigeons of sorts and 500 country doves.—*Englishman.*