

# DENIZENS OF THE JUNGLES:

A SERIES OF SKETCHES OF WILD ANIMALS.

*Illustrating their Forms and Natural Attitudes.*

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*"All that with potent teeth command the plain,  
All that run horrid with erected mane,  
Or, proud of stately horns or bristling hair,  
At once the forest's ornament or fear!"—GILBERT.*

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THE wild Buffalo is hardly distinguishable from the tame one, and, in fact, the tame and wild ones mix occasionally when they happen to have common feeding grounds, and I have known cases of the tame ones being tempted away to a life of freedom. They inhabit swampy plains, and never, like the Bison, attempt to climb the mountains. The tracks of the two animals are very dissimilar; in the one, the hoof-print is oval and pointed like that of a Deer; in the other, the Buffalo, a large, straggling round-toed mark is left, which would hardly be covered by a cheese-plate. The late Captain J. Forsyth, the author of the "Highlands of Central India," whose book I illustrated as far as the animals are concerned, tried to ride down a wild Buffalo, and a tussle with a vicious cow forms the subject of one of my sketches. He rode into the herd picking out a bull, but was charged vigorously by this cow, who compelled him to devote his attention to her, and they kept up a running fight for

some time, she charging repeatedly, but his gun was too light for much execution, and he had to wait for a heavy rifle with which he finished her. But this can only be done in open plains, such as the Buffaloes in the Central Provinces frequent. It would not be possible in the swampy high-grassed jungles of Bengal and Assam. The Buffalo when irritated is almost as obstinate and savage as a Pig, but he has one enemy before whom he takes to flight at once, and that is, the Rhinoceros. The great Indian Rhinoceros is found in much the same sort of country, ranging from the Nepal Terai to Bhutan, and is common in Assam and in Cooch Behar territories, and along the Bhutan Doars. It is larger than the Sunderbund animal (*R. sondaicus*), and differs in some respects from it, having the tubercles of the hide uniformly of the same small size and fold or plait of skin crossing the nape in addition to that behind the shoulder-blades.

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