

THREATENED BY A TSE-TSE FLY CAMPAIGN: THE RARE WHITE RHINOCEROS.

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THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN, IN ZULULAND, AGAINST THE TSE-TSE FLY, WHICH SPREADS A FATAL DISEASE AMONG CATTLE: WHITE RHINOCEROS IN THE UMPHOLOSI RESERVE, IN WHICH A NOTABLE HERD, THE LARGEST IN EXISTENCE, IS PRESERVED.



A FINE SPECIMEN OF THE WHITE RHINOCEROS IN THE UMPHOLOSI RESERVE—SHOWING THE LARGE ANTERIOR HORN, THE RECORD LENGTH OF WHICH IS 5 FT. 2½ IN.; THE CHARACTERISTIC, SQUARE-SHAPED Muzzle; THE GREAT LENGTH OF THE HEAD; AND THE LONG, SHARPLY-POINTED EARS.



A WHITE RHINOCEROS (*R. IMCROSI SIMENS*) CHARGING—ALTHOUGH POSSESSING A LIMITED RANGE OF VISION AND BAD HEARING, ITS SENSE OF SMELL IS EXCELLENT AND THE ANIMAL IS DANGEROUS IN BUSHY COUNTRY.

CONSIDERABLE concern has been aroused by a recent announcement that settlers in Zululand, in the course of their campaign against the tse-tse fly, which spreads a disease among cattle from which they rarely recover, are pressing the Government to destroy all game in the area: for in that area lies the Umfolosi Reserve, in which is carefully preserved a herd of white rhinoceros, probably the largest in existence. The settlers already shoot any game which come near their herds and, as the rhinoceros are beginning to stray outside the reserve, it is thought likely that some have already been killed. The territory between the Black and White Umfolosi rivers is the natural home of this rhinoceros and if the beasts were removed to another district few, if any, would survive. The white rhinoceros (*R. [Diceros] simensis*) is said to be the rarest mammal in the world and differs from the other African species, the black rhinoceros, in its greater size and its large, square-shaped muzzle. Its coloration is a slate-grey, slightly paler than that of the black rhinoceros.