

pale tints of the surrounding pasture. We moved quietly towards them ; but they appeared unconscious of our presence and with noses to the ground continued browsing. Not until we were within 60 or 70 yards did they appear to be aware of our presence. They all raised their heads together, turned and stared at us curiously. The small calves, of which there were several, kept at the further side of the cows, and ran hither and thither as if afraid. The bulls stand very high at the shoulder, the height being increased by the curly mane, which is golden or tawny, glistening like silk. A height of 5 ft. 8 in. appears to be a maximum measurement though the bushy mane adds another 4 or 5 inches. A short ridge of stiff bushy hairs extends behind the shoulders along the middle line of the back. The mane shows a distinct line of demarcation passing diagonally down from the back forward to the front legs. Behind this line the body is of a rich sooty-brown with a silky sheen like the coat of a well-groomed horse. In winter the hair becomes long, thick, and matted, and gives the buffalo a very different appearance. The tail is rather like that of a cow, or rather a mule as it is short and has a very slight terminal brush. The body slopes backward and diminishes very rapidly behind the massive shoulders. It falls away very much as does the body of a lion. Indeed, the appearance of the buffalo in many respects is suggestive of the lion. When the animal turns round the view from behind recalls the small and slender body of the mule or ass, but bears little resemblance to that of the ox or of the horse. A bushy conical beard of jet black hair hangs from the under side of the head in the bull buffalo. The horns are smooth and grey, not polished and black like those burnished for ornament. They are very sharp, and are gracefully curved upward and to the front. Between the horns, and above them, the hair of the forehead is long and thick and stands erect like plush or the pile of the richest black velvet. Later, in winter it may become paler and brown, and matted or curly ; but seen as I saw it, late in the summer, it did not appear woolly or curly, but erect and thick, so that it was blown about by every breath of