

THE HAIRY RHINOCEROS.

Mr. F. Buckland writes in Land and Water: "The collection in the elephant house is just now a grand sight. There are four elephants—two Indian, two African—and four rhinoceroses—one Nubian (probably the Muchoch, or 'white rhinoceros,' of Gordon Cumming,) two single horned Indian rhinoceroses, and lastly the new arrival, the double horned Sumatran rhinoceros. The peculiarity of this beast—I cannot call it handsome—is that it is hairy. The great pig-like, watchful, ever-moving ears are fringed with a row of long erect hairs, giving the appearance of a horse wearing worsted ear-caps to keep off the flies. The hair on the back is something like the hog mane of a horse, and of the rusty sand colour of the old-fashioned Berkshire pig. The sides are also covered with this kind of hair, only shorter. The rest of the body is covered with a shortish light down, like the hair on a baby's head. The physiognomy is not like that of other rhinoceroses. 'Begum,' for she is a lady rhinoceros, has an ancient and antediluvian look about her, and very likely the old English Rhinoceros trichorhinus, whose bones my father discovered in the celebrated hyena cave in Kirkvaley, in Yorkshire, had the same kind of phiz. Her face is covered with wrinkles. There is a great 'crow's foot' on her cheek, and deep wrinkles round her eyes, so that she has somewhat the appearance of a very aged and disagreeable old man. She has also the peculiarity of shutting her lower eyelid instead of the upper when she wants to take 'forty winks.' Although called the Sumatran rhinoceros, 'Begum' was caught near Chittagong, and was partly led and partly driven, with ropes round her legs, like a pig going to market, all the way through the jungle from that place to the river, a task which does Mr. Jamrach much credit. She travelled best at night, and would then follow her keeper, who walked in front with a lighted lantern kept close to the ground. The guide used to sing to her at night as she trotted along, and the natives joined in chorus. In the streets of Calcutta she lay down like a sulky pig, and they had to wet the road so as to make it semi-mud and drag her along bodily. She was shipped on board the steamer "Petersburg," at Calcutta, and brought direct to the Millwall Docks, in a gigantic cage made of teak. The transfer of this valuable animal—for she cost more than £1,000—from her travelling box to the elephant house along the path was effected by Mr. Bartlett, with his usual ability and tact. He was, of course, assisted by Mr. Jamrach, who knew the habits of the animal well. She had to walk comparatively loose some sixty or eighty yards. Mr. Bartlett has just performed a successful operation on a rhinoceros. The front horn of the Indian rhinoceros had become bent and diseased. Mr. Bartlett has cleverly amputated this horn with a sharp saw, and this without the least injury or inconvenience to the animal. The portion of horn cut off weighed 8½ lbs., and the 'old gal looks quite young again.'"

A ROMANCE OF THE SNOW BLOCKADE.—A correspondent tells the following romantic tale of the recent Pacific Railway snow blockade: A man in Denver married, but had to leave immediately and unexpectedly for Salt Lake City on urgent business. He left his bride with tears in his eyes and a promise of immediate return upon his lips. He got there just in time not to be able to get away. He made his way slowly along with the blockaded trains, working with the hands, for every shovelful of snow got out was that much obstruction removed between him and his beloved. When within two hundred miles of Cheyenne, the foremost train ran into a bigger snow bank than ever, at which the faithful-unto-death struck out afoot and walked the two hundred miles in five days. He came in with frozen feet and ears, but his heart was all right, and he went on his way rejoicing. At one point he was chased by wolves, and lost his plug hat in running. The hat saved his life, for the wolves had never seen one before and stopped to examine it for a long time. It took them so long to determine what it was, that our heroic lover got out of reach. He borrowed a red handkerchief at a labourer's hut and passed on.

A GERMAN ESTIMATE OF THE FRENCH.—Professor von Sybel terminated his lecture at Bonn on what the Germans may learn from the French by saying:—It would be most dangerous for our safety not to appreciate the valour of our neighbours, and to look upon them as a used-up people. The French are laborious, spiritual, full of taste. They surpass us in several respects. They are different from us, but quite as well endowed. It would be fortunate for the world if they gave us the possibility of reciprocal complement as before the war, by the interchange of our mutual advantages, and by rivalry on the field of peaceful labour. But as long as they remain hostile it would be a fatal folly on our part to forget for a single moment that we have reason for keeping our forces closely united. The greatest disadvantage of the French comes from their institutions and their ideas on State and Church, which, un-

able to reconcile authority with liberty, waver unceasingly between arbitrary power and revolution. If we wish to be superior to them, we must above all carry our efforts into this field. We can be the strongest people of the earth, if we know how to learn from the French in many respects—in social relations, industry, science, art, and if at the same time we resist the temptation of falling into their weaknesses and faults in politics and religion.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE STOVE-PIPE.—No part of the dress of men is really more absurd than the hard "stove-pipe" hat so generally worn; and yet all attempts to subvert it have proved abortive. For thirty years we have worn this kind of head covering, and we like it better than any other; we have tried hard to like the low, soft hats, but we cannot; and this is the experience of thousands. Absurd as the high, hard hat is, it does keep the head more comfortable, it does maintain a more equable temperature, it does feel better, than any other form of head covering; and so let us continue to knock them against beams in attics and the branches of trees. If they serve a good purpose in brushing cobwebs from the roof of old garrets and stables, they also protect us from bad bumps, and keep our heads comfortable.—From Dr. Nichols's "Fireside Science."

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 11th March, 1872. 5-11 c

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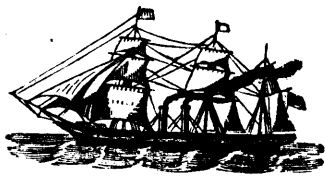
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