

THE RHINOCEROS AND ITS SENTINEL.—The black Rhinoceros, unlike the timid white one, is a dreadful avenger to meet in hunting, and is often accompanied by a sentinel to give him warning—a beautiful green-backed and blue-winged bird about the size of a jay—which sits on one of his horns. When he is standing at his ease among the thick bushes, rubbing himself up against a dwarf tree—stout and strong like himself—the bird attends him, that it may either feed on the insects which either fly about him, or which are found in the wrinkles of his head and neck. The creeping hunter stealthily approaching on the leeward side, carefully notes the motions of the sentinel bird; for he may hear, though he cannot see the Rhinoceros behind his leafy screen. If the mouse moves his head slightly, and without alarm, the bird flies from his horns to his shoulder, remains there a short time, and then returns to its former perch; but if the bird, from its elevated position and better eyes, notes the approach of danger, and flies up in the air suddenly, then let the hunter beware for the Rhinoceros instantly rushes desperately and fearlessly to wherever he hears the branches crack.

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A Dog in England was so mortified at being kicked by his master that he jumped into a river and drowned himself. Every puppy who gets kicked here would do the same, would improve society.