

THE UNICORN.

The researches of modern naturalists are daily confirming the truth of what were once considered the fables of antiquity. The ndzoo-dzoo or unicorn, one of the supporters of the British royal arms, was long supposed to be an invention of the heralds, but has at last been furnished with a "local habitation and a name." It is described in Smith's Illustrations of the Zoology of South Africa, and is possibly a species of Rhinoceros. The account is somewhat incredible:—"It appears that the Ndzoo-dzoo is by no means rare in Makooa. It is about the size of a horse, extremely fleet and strong. It has one single horn projecting from its forehead, from twenty-four to thirty inches in length. This is flexible when the animal is asleep; it can be curled like the trunk of the elephant, but becomes perfectly firm and hard when the animal is excited, and especially when pursuing an enemy. Its disposition is extremely fierce, and it universally attacks man if it sees him. The usual method of escape adopted by the natives is to climb up a dense high tree, so as to avoid, if possible, being seen. If the animal misses his sight of the fugitive, he immediately gallops off to his haunt; from whence it may be inferred that he is not endowed with the power of a keen scent. Should he, however, spy his object in the tree, wo to the unfortunate native: he begins to butt with his horn, strikes and penetrates the tree, and continues piercing it till it falls, when his victim seldom escapes being gored to death. Unless the tree is of a large girth, he never fails in breaking it down. Having killed his victim, he leaves him without devouring the carcass. The male only is provided with the horn. The female has nothing of the kind.

THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING.

Controversy.—A man who is fond of disputing, will, in time, have few friends to dispute with.

Speech.—This is clothed in white. But a lie comes forth with all the colours of the rainbow.

Adversity, a good teacher.—Those bear disappointments the best, who have been most used to them.

Example.—When a misfortune happens to a friend, look forward and endeavour to prevent the same thing from happening to yourself.

Standard of value.—The worth of everything is determined by the demand for it. In the deserts of Arabia, a pitcher of cold water is of more value than a mountain of gold.

Luck and labour.—A guinea found in the street, will not do a poor man so much good as half a guinea earned by industry.

Earning the best getting.—Give a man work, and he will get money.

Early hours.—Since the introduction of candles, luxury has increased. Our forefathers rose with the lark, and went to bed with the sun.