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THE RHINOCEROS.

THE Rhinoceros is a native of Asia and Africa. He is a very strong animal, with a thick hard skin, and a wonderful horn which grows on his nose instead of on his forehead. This horn is not made of a kind of bone, as other horns are, but is a growth from the animal's thick hard skin. It is very strong and sharp, however, and with it the creature can break down and split up trees, and remove from his path the great tangled branches of the forests in which he lives. He also defends himself with it when attacked by the hunters, and it is a very terrible weapon.

The Rhinoceros is subject to sudden and apparently causeless fits of rage, when he will attack all in his path; but as he charges always in a straight line, the hunter can easily elude his attack by springing on one side.

GOD has also given the Rhinoceros a long and moveable upper lip, which is nearly as useful to him as its trunk is to the elephant. With it he breaks off the small branches and leaves of trees, on which, with roots and plants, he lives.

The skin of the Rhinoceros is immensely thick, but in the folds it is tender enough to admit of the sting of the gad-fly, to free himself from which he wallows in mud till he is encrusted over with it. But when the mud dries and falls off, the insects return, and the poor beast tries to free himself from them by rubbing against a tree, uttering at the same time loud grunts, by which the hunters often find out his retreat. The Rhinoceros, like all wild beasts, comes out chiefly at night to drink, standing idly in the shade or sleeping during the great heat of day.

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