

A RECORD RHINO.

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An **Assam** correspondent writes to the "Englishman":—It will be of interest to those of your readers who are keen on shikar to learn that a rhino has lately been shot in **Assam** which carried a horn $24\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, exceeding by over 4 inches the horn in the Ipswich Museum, which, I believe, was previous to this the biggest existing specimen. In height the rhino stood 6 feet 4 inches at the shoulder, measured between two stakes one driven at the shoulder and the other at the foot, and not with a tape from foot to shoulder as is sometimes done. Thus besides carrying the record horn he shares with one killed by the Maharaja of Kuch-Bihar the honour of being the biggest specimen of the Indian **rhinoceros** ever shot. I can personally vouch for the above dimensions as although I had not the good fortune to be in at the death I was on the spot a couple of hours afterwards and myself undertook the measuring, Mr. T. Briscoe, formerly a planter in the Tezpur district, who was fortunate enough to kill this magnificent beast "on his lonesome" wished to have no part in the determining of the measurements. It is satisfactory to be able to relate that this record rhino was slain in the orthodox way after a long track and an exciting finish, in which the odds on the result were fairly evenly divided between an angry bull rhino on his native heath, in this case a hwing waste, of unburnt nullah jungle, and a keen sportsman on an elephant anything but staunch.