point of the association. Considerably more than a year has elapsed since then, and in the interval the organisation of the association has been vastly extended and has become more powerful. As Lord Carysfoot mentioned in a letter to the Times a few days ago, meetings have been convened in nearly every county in Ireland for the purpose of organising bran ches of the Property Defence. Association, and at these meetings landlords have imposed upon themselves a tax in proportion to their incomes, in order to supply the necessary funds. An interesting account of the work of the Association appeared in the Times in the early part of this month, from which it is manifest that the Lord Mayor has fully grasped its scope and objects when, in writing to Mr Gladstone, he says: "We only take the matter up where the Government must necessarily leave it—that is, after the cirviolicers, aided by the military and the police, have enforced the law; it requires combination and united action to enable individual owners of property to hold and uncompared the law; it requires combination and united action to enable land; it would be impossible for Government to effect this."

We have every hope that the discussion which has followed upon the establishment of the Mansion House Fund will be beneficial rather than otherwise in the only since it will lead people to regard the real merits of the continuous cont

SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN FRANCE.

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THE END OU LAST WEEK the weakles abrupily began to be get colder, and there seemed a chance that Christmas would after the property of the property of the cold of the property of the propert

iting last week about the inauguration of the pige Monte Carlo, three days of shooting have taken pia little remark. The first meeting was on Thursd d on the following day, and the third on the

resterday, Dec. 26. The results of the first day were particlarly favourable to English gumers, as there was only of
Frenchman on the list of winners—to wit, M. Laurentz, who
shooting in fine form this year. On this occasion the obje
of at offered for shooters never having won a prize at Monsoo, we
seemed by Mr Horton. The foreigners were not so encounted
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cut day, when ago tell write it is full score of ten birds for the Pout
d'Essal. M. Guidicini is an Italian gunner of redoubtable prowess, a
beginning to the second of the proved in this instance by his dead heat with so good a hand as M
Laurenty, and also by his very enylial performance in the Prix d'Hirewhere he greased twenty-four-bird out of termity-Prizer, M. Gervois
and Capt. Cholmondeley-Pennell, who alone sustained the honour of o
England. The shootine was a second.

gave a much better account of themselves this year, as a natural consequence of the greater amount of practice which they are now in the habit of taking.

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ay not appear a Paris, Dec. 28,

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COCKCHAFERS VERSUS COFFEE.

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Planting. Rv R. C. Haldane. Colombo: A. M. and J. Fergi

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This author of the little pamphiet with the above, as first sight, somewhat whinsical title (for which he is probably not answerable), somewhat whinsical title (for which he is probably not answerable), somewhat whinsical title (for which he is probably not answerable), and the interest of the conference of the statement of investigate a somewhat difficult subject, a correct knowledge of which is of the highest difference of the conference of the control points of the which is and earlier stages of the Lamellicons beetles belonging to the families Medolonthinds and Cetonidae, of which the larva commit wat ravages in Ceylonese coffee plantation, of which the larva commit wat ravages in Ceylonese coffee plantation, of which the larva commit wat ravages in Ceylonese coffee plantation, of which the larva commit water water water of the life history of the insects to which he refers, to be sent to Messrs Ferguson for publication in the well-known Ceylon Observer. We fear that it is not of the power of anyone but a resident to adid in this good work—a all events, until more precise particulars are obtained. There is no attempts a celentific dientification of the beeles referred to, and the

CRICKET.

TRAVEL AND COLONISATION.

THE DUTCH EAST INDIES AS A SPORTING GROUND. WITH REMARKS ON THE BORNEAN RHINOCEROS.

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WITH THE CRY continually going up that wild sport is becoming with each year scarcer and scarcer; it might occasion surprise that no one had tried the almost virgin fields of the Malayan Archipleago, were it not that the subject has never been presented in a proper form before the sportsman. The few English books on law mere the proper to the sportsman that the subject has never been presented in a proper form before the sportsman. The few no one has yet attempted to show the sportsman what game is no one has yet attempted to show the sportsman what game is not one has yet attempted to show the sportsman what game is not one has a subject, and I now propose to set it down here, for the benefit of those who may be in search of a new field.

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Malay is an excession, ""mild Hindoo" of the poet; and in the places to writen a series of "mild Hindoo" of the poet; and in the portaman there will be but little to fear from man, and where there is due notice will be given.

I shall first speak of Sumatra.

This corner is in Achen, that the shall shall

for planting purposes, although the beasts of prey come down for at night.

The plan I would recommend would be to have a bamboo upain-thatch honse on piles, built on the borders of the forest i suitable place. Such an exection could be run up in a week or I and need not coat more than twenty pounds, unless the sporter be sybartic in his tastes—in which case, by the way, he would not this kind of sport. The people of the country are batta, and the provided himself sport. The people of the country are batta, and the man would, of course, not speak this language; but he would a man would, of course, not speak this language; but he would himself pick up a fair smattering in a couple of months, Me being a very simple language to learn colloquially. It would depend on the provided himself pick up a fair smattering in a couple of months, Me being a very simple language to learn colloquially. It would depend on the provided himself pick up a fair smattering in a couple of months, Me being a very simple language to learn colloquially. It would depend the vicinity of Pinang. Now and then there are people there for Malacca, where a good deal of bird shooting and animal catch to vicinity of Pinang. Now and then there are people there for Malacca, where a good deal of bird shooting and animal catch up the provided of the provided of

four smillings a bossey and some processing line, and is as most fact.

Set of reach as Gravesend.

Still farther down is slak, a wild sort of place, with lots of elephant in the interior, as is evinced by the considerable trade done in ivory from here. But Id onto consider it at all suited to the sportaman unacquainted with the country.

Acheh, although as full of tigers and other carnivora as it can be, must be avoided so long as it is as unsettled as it is, which means for the next thirty veare and other carnivora as it can be, must be avoided so long as it is as unsettled as it is, which means for the next thirty veare and other carnivora as it can be, must be avoided as long as it is as unsettled as it is, which means for the next thirty veare and the set of the control of the set of the control of the set of

capitation fee on each head of game would assist towards the desired result. But there are other men to be had if Sime be not ontainable. Near Kayn Tanam there are plenty of deer (Cervas resa), tiger, leopard, and now and then tapir. It would be feasible to take up one's quarters in the village, but it would be far better to have a hut built up in the forest. In this case be sure to be provided with a mosquito curtain. A roughthat could be run up in a day or two.

In this neighbourhood there are frequently troops of the Sumatran wild don (Canis rullians), and wild borg are very where plentifully will be the control of the control, by the month. The Government official would arrange all this, and take care not to pay too much. The Sumatress Malays are a lazy set, even for Malays, and work only under the strongest incentive.

nery even to manays, and work only unner the stronges or not place of any importance is Padang Pandjang (ngdang, as; pandjang, long), tweive paals from Kayn Tanam. This town unsted at the foot of the volcavo, on which tigers frequently; but the sportaman will do better to go on still further to k, and from thence to Sijunjung. Solok is twenty-four paals Padang Pandjang, and Sijunjung is a good bit farther on ages are still attainable, and at either place an Assistant-lent will be found. Sijunjung is a very hunter's paradise. In eighbourhood there are some hot springs, to which animals of eighbourhood there are some hot springs, to which animals of eighbourhood there are some hot springs, to which animals of, elephants, bears, deer, and carnivors of all kinds indigenous matrix. Honting is here a little understood, as now and again from Padang Panojang, and Sijunjung is a good bit farther on Carriages are still attainable, and at either place an Assistant-Resident will be found. Sijunjung is a very hunter's paradise. In the neighbourhood there are some hot springs, to which animals of a contract of the parameters, and the parameters, deer, and carnivora of all kinds indigenous of Sumatra. Hunting is here a little understood, as now and again the officials go out after elephant. But the forests are very dense, and game is not much disturbed. The hunter may expect to meet with almost any animal that be has ever under numerous, and tapits far from unonmon. Three kinds of deer, runa, kidang, and the tiny mouse deer, are plentiful, as are the musang (Vivers messar), the civet cat (V. tangalunga), salled by the Malays tangalung, and the paradoxures. The scattiful golden cat (Felia mormania) is also met with, and, very are active to the summary of the summa

and the both was 4ft. 10th. This is certainly the largest I have rehard of, and Mr Forbes is also much impressed with its ratic proportions. All down the coast, as at Krné, for instance, there is plenty of igh sport to be obtained, but I cannot sincerely advise anyone to in for it. They will do much better in the Padang highlands. Near Palembang, on the east coast, the country is too flat; as will consider the control of the coast of the control of the control of the coast of the control of the coast of

s Kedong Karban, will afford min squer, respectively, in the liber; if not thinocros, annot advise the sportsman to go to any other island of the ipplago, although he would obtain the anoa (Anoa depressis), and the babi-russ (Babiruss alfurus) in Menado and Goron-Royal Carban, and the brief of Francisci art und other still good aport can be expected before March, the rains being too y and the forests too west to give the dogs a chance. Further, the same of the still good and the contrasts of the same of t

offrancy with many claser countries that have been made. Tashnot:
"s porting grounds, well to take all his implements and she
he sportsman will do well to take all his implements and she
him, but powder he can obtain in Sumatra and Java. B
ing friends with an official, any amount up to five kilogramme
ob) can be obtained. This "keeping in: "with the officials is
thing to be observed in the Dutch Indies. They alway
thing to be observed in the but ponly indicative of the

d feel deeply grateful to anyone who would determine tis the proper scientific name of this ape. Simia sian yndactylus are the usually recognised synonyms, in t Carl Bock's book is called Hylobates syndactylus. No lobates, or is it a distinct senus?

inward vindictiveness. I saw a very good illustration of this in the very matter of gunpowder in the eary good illustration of this in the very matter of gunpowder in the ear so of Mr Carl Book. This gentleman had some unpleasantness coase of Mr Carl Book. This gentleman had some unpleasantness coase of Mr Carl Book. This gentleman had some unpleasantness coase of the carl the comparison of the carl the comparison of the carl three months. They did not dare say "no," because Mr Book held a coald certainly have some, but that he would have to wait about three months. They did not dare say "no," because Mr Book held a coald make office from the Governor-General direct, but they could make office from the Governor-General direct, but they could make office of the could be compared to be god was some rubbin at four guilders (Se office the could not be compared to be god was some rubbin at four guilders (Se office the could not be compared to be god was some rubbin at four guilders (Se office through another source. This powder is smaller in the grain than the Cartis and Harvey by him, and also secured some Government proder through another source. This powder is smaller in the grain than the Cartis and Harvey by him, and also secured some Government proder through another source. The powder is smaller in the grain than the Cartis and Harvey by him, and also secured some Government proder through another source. The powder is smaller in the grain than the Cartis and Harvey by him, and also secured some Government, by the continue of the fact that one may travel for days without seeing any animal of consequence. Up the Fortisank river apea are abundant, sepscially the question med not trouble us much; but I have yet something to be decided. That the animal does not exist now is almost ore call, so the question need not trouble us much; but I have yet something to say concerning the Borenan rhinoceros, notwithstanding that one is now so certain th

there be two kinds? I admit in the animal inhabiting the island is R. sumatronsis. I admit in the animal inhabiting the island is R. sumatronsis. I admit in the R. sumatronsis is there; but whelf it there be two kinds? When I left for the East, nearly four years ago, I was recommended by a gentleman, who is particularly well-informed on such matters, to 'look after the Bornean thincoreos.' He told me that the few bones and horns they had botained led them to say, almost the Gornea-were lake almin must be a small one. I never went to Bornea-were lake almin must be a small one. I never went to Bornea-were lake almin must be a small one in the control of the co

torn only.

All this may mean nothing; but I venture to say that, until we know something more definite, we should not scout the idea that in the centre of Borneo there is yet another species of rimoeroe waiting discovery.

E. T. S.

A RIDE IN THE ARDENNES.

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THE WEATHER was threatening enough, when at noon on Thursday I rode out of Spa, but certainly I did not expect the continuous heavy rains to which I was exposed for some days after. Esting gradually by the well-made road, which passes the famous apring of the Barisart, and which at different points affords far-stretching views, over the scenery so characteristic of Spa, in which hill, wood, and water are so charmingly combined, I passed through he dense woodlands which environ the town, and emerged, leaving the dense woodlands which environ the town, and emerged, leaving level, form the highest ridge of the surrounding hills. In a few minutes I passed the water-shed, and a splendid penorams of the hills and valleys skirting the banks of the river Amblew were open to my view; while beyond them the ranges to the north of the districts around La Roche, St. Habert, and Maribe could be clearly the strength of the strength of the control of the con

in tradition that was about the combine the fathers reasily the value of abby of Stavelot, and that to enable the fathers reasily their chausted fish stews, the gap was out through the narrow ridge of rock, so that when the alicine gatos (remains of which are yet to only the contained out of the reason of the contained out of the reason of the contained out of the water there was so quickly and gradly refused, that the fish contained out of easily be secured.

At the present time this waterfall, through the number of visitors attracted by it, and the fish in the river, are the principal means of the support of the inhabitants of Coo. The river is one which is of reast promise, but which is most disappointing to the fisherman. This is owing to the fact that "all and every" are allowed to not by every night for the months of May, June, July, Angust, and September. I found that each man, as an average, expected to take two kilos, say 4th, per day or night. This gives 28th, per week, which, multiplied by the twenty-five fishers in Coo alone, shows fiver, which, multiplied by the twenty-five fishers in Coo alone, shows fiver, which, multiplied by the twenty-five fishers in Coo alone, shows fiver, which, multiplied by the twenty-five fishers in Coo alone, and we fiver a contained to the contained of the contained of the contained the contained of the

crout, and grayling river, and they will find in Spa a pleasant headmintersum. I forded the Ambilve, and entered-guided by a
capital map—the great woods, which here extend for miles. In
these woods are abundance of roc deer. Wild boar are also numerous. Looking to the right, the woods of Stourment, sloping steeply
to the water, could be seen. These last woods are fav curie haunts
of the boar. The last battue I was present at in them last January
cleavely missed at less that we have less that the last January
wounded, that they charge, though the sportsmen here greatly
missed a large knife, of more or less terriled appearance. One chasseur had a short sword bayonet for his small sporting carbine. In
one case, however, last year, a young Englishman was shooting in
fired at one, which fell. Another barrel he fired without appearance
effect at another boar. He approached the prestrate boar while in
the act of loading, when the animal sprang to its feet and charged

him. He quickly completed his leading and fired, the bear falling dead within ten feet of him. The ball had struck the jaw, and glauced upwards into the brain.

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Marche, where the contending troops were contending my journey through the Ardennes had terminated.

C. B. Venator.

TO THE MAJORITY OF TRAVELLERS through the far East, Japan forms but a small link in their chain of wanderings. A shortatey in Yokohama and Kobe, with a two-days' tirp up to Tokio or Kioto by rail, to "do" the numerous curio stopy, and be "done" by the wily Japanese vendors, leave but a misty impression of the country and a false one of the people, which a short sojourn in the interior would entirely alter. It is to those who can spare a little time in the country, or are in search of sport, that I venture to ofter a few remarks, based on information and esperience obtained

actumn hnes. The winter and early spring are usually considerable amount of snow in the interior; and the is solely of wood, with sliding wooden screens for walls, bare poisonous charcoal stoves, are not calculated to entice a from his comfortable hotel at Yokohama. April and delightful months — mild and clear, foliage fresh at