## SHOOTING.

## DUCK SHOOTING AT TSAKHOLO, BASUTOLAND.

WITH BUGGIES, mounted black boys, mounted Basuto police, orderlies, and all the paraphernalia necessary for camping out, we made a gallant show as we filed out of Mafeteng one bright June afternoon. S., E., M., and I had for a long time been promising ourselves some duck shooting at Tsakholo, and as the weather was propitious, and we had had good reports from the natives as regards the number of birds, we had decided to make a day of it. Tsakholo is a big lake or marsh about nine miles from Mafeteng; it is about two miles long by probably three-quarters of a mile broad, and as it is only some 2ft. deep it offers good facilities for shooting. A small river runs into it at its northern end, which frequently widens into deep pools and small marshes, which are often the temporary abode of enipe. We arrived at Tsakholo some little time before sunset; it could easily be seen and heard that the birds were there, but it was decided that they were not to be disturbed that

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AN UNSUCCESSFUL RHINO HUNT IN BURMA.

IN THE OCTOBER HOLIDAYS LAST YEAR I set off to try for a rhino-the two-horned hairy rhinoceros of Burma—in the hills near Cape Negrais. I was delayed one day by the rough water near the mouth of the Bassein River, which threatened to swamp the small and ancient launch, and forced me to take shelter at a small fishing village for the night. Next day I tracked the island at the mouth, and, crossing the shallow western arm of the river, set off to cross the low hills to a village

western arm of the river, set off to cross the low hills to a vising facing the Bay of Bengal. Thence I went some ten miles into the hills and camped at a small attream. Next morning I started early as a solitary bull bison near the camp. A traup round one set of wallows disclosed nothing but some twentry days old tracks and again the tracks of the bison. After a rest and some lunch I crossed to another ridge to visit more wallows, but again found off homewards, and yet again came on the old bears a track. This time they were absolutely fresh, and he had gone into a patch of flowers and the set of the control of t

BISON SHOOTING IN SOUTHERN INDIA. TT WAS ON A CINCHONA ESTATE in South India, and we,

friend, who lived a couple of miles away, and borrow a rife.

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disappear. Here we found drops of blood, which became fresher
as we proceeded, until we came across some quite crimson and
fresh. I got in front with the riffe now, and the shikari brought
up the rear: the dogs we had left on the hill in charge of the
dog boy. We had not gone much further when we heard an
Waiting with both hammers at full cock, we expected the
wounded bull to charge, but he preferred to get away, and his
impulse all that morning was to move further on. We followed him up again, but with the same result. He would let
for some time till we had got into the heart of some very thick
undergrowth. It was jungle which had been felled once upon
a time, and which had come up again. Experienced readers will
know how very hard it is to follow up in a thicket like that.
The grane he was now playing might have lasted all day, so well
with a examper, and, taking up the seent, passed us, giving
tongue, and went straight on towards the bull, and began to
bay him. We could hear them about twenty yards away yapping
their throat dry; but the bull never headed them unless they
horras. We could see the bushes moving as he did so, bit the
place was so thickly overgrown that, peer as we might, we could
not see the bison. His presence rather overnowered our bobbery
pack. They were more used to sambur, and had never tracked
their cover in his vicinity all moving.

## PROTECTION OF GAME IN NOVA SCOTIA.

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The new game laws passed in the Assembly for Nova Scotia are of a rather strict order. The use of dogs is prohibited, except for feathered and small game, and any dog found hunting moose, carrbon, or deer may be shot. Carrbon and deer are protected earthon, or deer may be shot. Carrbon and deer are protected prohibited alike for large game and for game birds. Only one moose may be killed in a season by any person, and the person killing it must notify the secretary of the Game Society within ten days, and furnish particulars, while any person selling moose that the standard of the secretary of the Game Society within ten days, and furnish particulars, while any person selling moose for the secretary of the Game Society within ten days, and furnish particulars, while any person selling moose for a licence may take home one mounted moose head, but other mounted heads, dressed skins, and live mammals or birds may only be experted by special permission. The non-resident big game licence costs £6, and all guides must be registered. They game incense costs £6, and all guides must be registered. They game incense costs £6, and all guides must be registered. They game incense costs £6, and all guides must be registered. They game incense costs £6, and all guides must be registered. They game, and caparcaillie, is altogether interdicted. Punt gaming is not allowed. Seasonal or other protection is afforded to various song birds, &c., but anyone, native or foreigner, is permitted to destroy the English sparrow when and where he pleases.

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Sin,—Having read "Snowly's" interesting and accurate article on "Game Birds in South Sweden," I think I can give a reason why the blackgame there are diminishing.

I, too, have a shooting in the province of Smaland, and I have found that as soon as the owners of shootings leave the place the peachers golden time commences, and continues throughout the peachers golden time commences, and continues throughout the peachers golden time commences, and do not include the peachers golden time commences, and do not go the peacher and the commence of the peacher golden to go the peacher and the peacher golden to go the peacher and the peacher golden to the golden to a tree, at the foot of which the dog remains, barking furiously. The whole attention of the bird being fixed on the dog, the poacher can with care get quite close and shoot the