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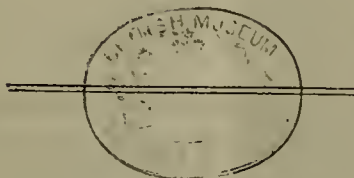
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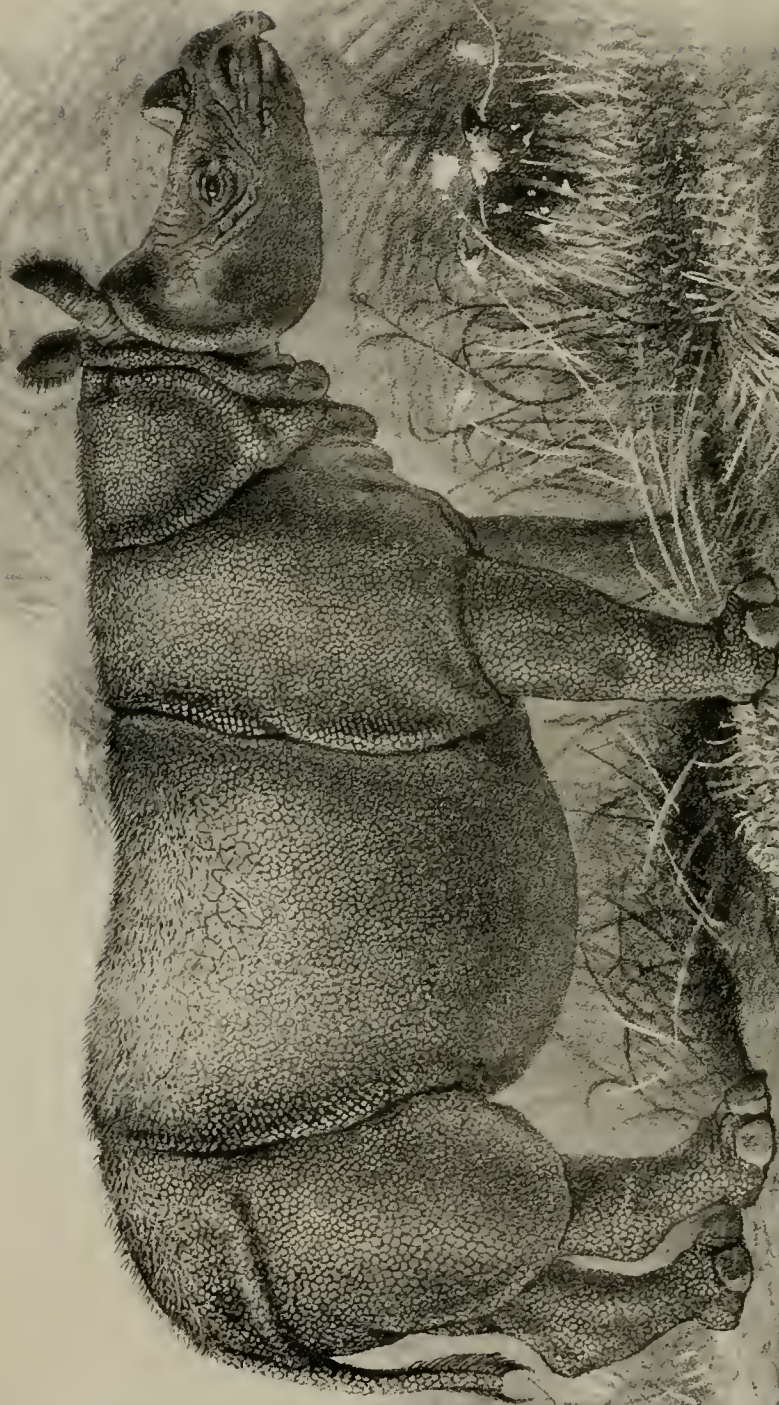


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4. MENAGERIE.

The number of animals belonging to the first three classes of Vertebrates living in the Society's Menagerie at the close of 1874 was 2122. The corresponding number on the 31st of December 1873 was 2187, as will be seen by the subjoined Table:—

	December 31.		Comparison.
	1873.	1874.	
Quadrupeds.....	592	751	Incr. 159
Birds	1329	1243	Decr. 86
Reptiles	266	128	Decr. 138
	2187	2122	Decr. 65

The sum allowed in the estimates for the ordinary purchases for the Society's Menagerie in 1874 was £2000. The amount actually spent in this manner, together with carriage and keepers' travelling expenses, was only £1568 2s. 4d. Besides this, however, two special acquisitions were made—namely, a Sondaic Rhinoceros, at the cost of £800, and three Giraffes, for which £700 was paid in cash and £300 in duplicates from the Sale-list of Animals.

The young male Sondaic Rhinoceros *, which was purchased of Messrs. Cross and Jamrach on the 7th of March, is believed to be the first animal of this peculiar species ever brought alive to Europe, and is of greater interest as raising the representatives of the genus *Rhinoceros* now living in the Society's collection to four in number, viz. :—

1. A male Indian Rhinoceros (*R. unicornis*), from Assam.
2. A male Sondaic Rhinoceros (*R. sondaicus*), from Java.
3. A female Hairy-eared Rhinoceros (*R. lasiotis*), from Chittagong.
4. A male Two-horned Rhinoceros (*R. bicornis*), from Upper Nubia.

* See the accompanying lithograph by Mr. Smit, taken from Mr. Wolf's drawing of this specimen.

Only two other species of these huge animals are certainly known to exist, namely the Sumatran Rhinoceros (*R. sumatrensis*) and the White Rhinoceros of Africa (*R. simus*). Of the former the Society had two specimens in 1872; the latter has not yet been brought alive to Europe.

The total number of registered additions to the Society's Menagerie in 1874 was 1202, obtained as follows:—

Presentations	425
Deposits	242
Purchases	296
In exchange	25
Bred in the Gardens	214
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Total	1202

The following is a list of the animals which have been bred in the Gardens of the Society between the 1st of January 1874 and the 1st of January 1875.

MAMMALS.

- 2 Collared Fruit-Bats (*Cynonycteris collaris*).
- 3 Blotched Genets (*Genetta tigrina*).
- 1 Canadian Beaver (*Castor canadensis*).
- 2 Crested Agoutis (*Dasyprocta cristata*).
- 1 Capybara (*Hydrochærus capybara*).
- 2 hybrid Andaman Pigs (bred between male *Sus andamanensis* and female *S. leucomystax*).
- 1 Mouflon (*Ovis musimon*).
- 4 Barbary Wild Sheep (*Ovis tragelaphus*).
- 1 Philantomba Antelope (*Cephalophus maxwelli*).
- 1 Eland (*Oreas canna*).
- 1 Cape-Buffalo, ♂ (*Bubalis caffer*).
- 1 Wapiti Deer (*Cervus canadensis*).
- 1 Molucca Deer, ♂ (*Cervus moluccensis*).
- 1 Axis Deer (*Cervus axis*).
- 1 Prince-Alfred's Deer (*Cervus alfredi*).
- 1 Virginian Deer (*Cervus virginianus*).
- 1 Reeves's Muntjac (*Cervulus reevesi*).
- 2 Vulpine Phalangiers (*Phalangista vulpina*).
- 1 Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*).

Order UNGULATA.

Suborder PERISSODACTYLA.

Family RHINOCEROTIDÆ.

Genus RHINOCEROS.

Rhinoceros sondaicus, Cuv. Sondaic Rhinoceros.

Hab. Java.

a. Male. Purchased, March 7, 1874. See P. Z. S. 1874, p. 182, pl. xxviii.

Family BOVIDÆ.

Genus GAZELLA.

Gazella arabica, Hempr. et Ehr. Arabian Gazelle.

Hab. Arabia.

a. Male; *b.* Female. Presented by Mrs. Benecke, July 25, 1874. From Aden. See P. Z. S. 1874, p. 494.

Genus ORYX.

Oryx beisa (Rüpp.). Beisa Antelope.

Hab. Central Africa.

a. Male. Presented by Admiral Arthur Cumming, May 28, 1874. See P. Z. S. 1874, p. 323.

Family CERVIDÆ.

Subfamily CERVINÆ.

Genus CERVUS.

Cervus euopsis, Swinhoe. Large-eyed Deer.

Hab. Newchang, North China.

a. Male. Purchased Feb. 27, 1874. See P. Z. S. 1874, p. 151.

Cervus campestris, F. Cuv. Pampas Deer.

Hab. South America.

a. Male; *b.* Female. Purchased, Dec. 23, 1874. From the Argentine Republic. See P. Z. S. 1875, p. 1.