

The Key which is based on Haines' "artificial key" does not require any specially trained powers of observation but on the other hand the search for some of the minor characters used in the key will probably lead to the beginner observing field characters of his trees much more closely than if he had to work with a regular Flora.

The author has successfully avoided the use of botanical terms as far as possible but he would have done well to include in his glossary the corresponding adjective or substantive to some of the less easily recognised terms. One can imagine a beginner being somewhat puzzled to distinguish between leaflets and pinnae in the section leading to "Pyinkado" for instance.

The reviewer has no hesitation in recommending the book to newly joined forest officers and members of the timber firms and in support of his recommendation is able to refer to his own experience. Although his botanical knowledge is only of the order which allows of his distinguishing a cocoanut from a cabbage when they are in close juxtaposition he has been able successfully to identify a tree with the help of this book.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RHINO IN ARAKAN.

SIR,—It may be interesting to some to know how valuable the Rhino is. In a case that occurred in the Sandoway District, in which some Chins were prosecuted for hunting without a license, the following were seized and produced in the court:—Horns weighing 62 tolas, 8 toe-nails and 120 ounces of blood. The hunters had already sold this for Rs. 450. The property was confiscated by the court and sold by the Bailiff by auction for Rs. 600.

The usual way the local Chins hunt the Rhino is by spearing it. A party of from ten to twelve proceed to the upper reaches of one of the streams during a spell of hot weather.

Here they search for a wallow visited by Rhino. Having found one, if a Rhino is not already there, they wait till one comes. When it has made itself comfortable in the mud, the two principal hunters come quietly from behind, and spear it behind the shoulder, on each side, with specially heavy spears. The Rhino to avoid the flies, seldom more than his nose out of the mud. It can only smelt any one approaching down wind and when speared from both sides nearly always dashes forward. One hunter interviewed stated that it seldom goes far before falling.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

MARRIAGE.

BEESON—Fitze.—On Friday, 14th July, at St. Peter's Church, Lynchmere, Sussex, by the Rev. Duncan Pearce, C. F. C. Beeson, M.A., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beeson of Oxford and Marion C. Fitze, youngest daughter of the late Samuel Fitze and of Mrs. Fitze of Kingsley Green near Haslemere.