

extending all round the four wings. This being so unlike any other British butterfly, I think there can be little doubt as to its identity.—A. F. HANNARD (Stone Grove, Edgware).

CONCERNING RHINOCEROSES.—In my communication treating on these animals (p. 184), I inadvertently wrote "Irawidi" for Brahmaputra as the name of the river down which the great one-horned rhinoceros was not uncommonly brought to Calcutta from the province of Assam—a slip of the pen which will doubtless have been understood as such by sundry

* Stein-bok, i.e., bouy-stein, or bouyctia.

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readers; and the "tolerable gold on the neck" of the two-horned rhinoceroses of Asia is, it need hardly be remarked, a misprint for *fold*. As for the Moghul Emperor Bâber's rhinoceros, he remarks that he had seen many of their horns, some of which exceeded a span in length, but that he had never seen one of two spans, which I have cited as one of my reasons for presuming that he was unacquainted with the large *R. indicus*. Although the specimen of *Ceratorhinus lasiotis* at the Zoological Gardens was supposed over five years ago, at the time of her capture, to be fully grown, it is nevertheless certain that she has increased considerably in size since her arrival in the Regent's Park, at which time she was not so very much larger than the recently-added *C. sumatranus*, and there is reason to conclude that she has not even yet attained her full dimensions. In the African rhinoceroses I stated that "the skin is nude, with hardly a trace of hair even about the ears or tail-tip;" but I now find that the specimen at the Gardens has quite recently developed a sufficiently conspicuous fringe of short black hairs along the posterior line of the tail-tip to qualify my previous assertion. As regards the propriety of separating the various living rhinoceroses into four generic groups, it must be admitted that those groups are exceedingly well defined, much more so than many which are ordinarily thus recognised, as especially among the Ruminantia, being fairly equivalent to the distinction of the llamas (*Auchenia*) from the camels (*Camelus*). Of course the plural of rhinoceros should be rhinocerotés, and we say hippopotami rather than hippopotamuses; but custom pleads for rhinoceroses as for hyenas; and our horticulturists have familiarised us with the most reckless Anglicising of the plural in the names of plants, as exemplified by aurículas, polyanthuses, ranunculuses, hibiscuses (!), &c.; and it is difficult to draw the line between classical accuracy *versus* pedantry, as who would now object to such familiar plurals (however grammatically wrong) as geraniums, crocuses, dahlias, and very many more that might be adduced? I doubt if rhinocerotés could ever be popularised in this country as the plural of rhinoceros.—Z.

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the species constituting the indigenous fauna of the country are retained to a very considerable extent, although in many instances they are mis-

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made us think of another such night as the last Shamloo match was called...

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ADDITIONS TO THE MENAGERIE, REGENT'S-PARK, FROM AUG. 18 TO 21.

Table with columns: Name, Country, How obtained, Where placed in Gardens.

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YACHTING FIXTURES.

- 1. Royal Yacht Club (Single-handed Match). 2. Royal Yacht Club (Two-handed Match). 3. Royal Yacht Club (Three-handed Match).

ROYAL ALBERT YACHT CLUB.

The Channel match of the Royal Albert Club will be remembered for its peculiar interest...

CUTTERS.

Table with columns: Yacht, Tonnage, Owner, Race, Time, Winner.

YACHTING.

The signal to start was given at 11.15. The Fions went off just as she had slipped...

NOTES AND QUESTIONS ON NATURAL HISTORY.

KESTREL EATING MUSHROOMS.—A few mornings since, I noticed a kestrel of mine eating...

BAT ATTACKING A HEDGEHOG.—I have mentioned the following facts to several of my country friends...

OSTRICH EATING EGGS.—It is generally supposed that ostriches for their plumes is a procedure of exceedingly modern date...

SINAPIS ARVENSIS, &c.—Will you be good enough to inform me through your paper whether the Sinapis arvensis and the Raphanus raphanistrum...

VANESSA ANTIOPA.—It will doubtless interest your entomological readers to hear that the scarce butterfly, Vanessa Antiopa...

CONCERNING RHINOCEROS.—In my communication treating on three rhinos (p. 15), inadvertently wrote "Inawadi" for Bahumawadi...

The wind was so ineffectual in moving the yachts through the Race, that it looked at one time as if they would drive back on the Shamloo; but at 10.30 a breeze came out from N.W. by the Bill...

Table with columns: Name, Tonnage, Race, Time, Winner.

The Pantomime won the schooner prize, the Norman the cutter prize and the Gertrude the prize for yaws.

*Steinbock, C., house-ant, or bionectus.