MR. PEEL'S BIG-GAME MUSEUM.

Mr. C. V. A. Peel, who is well-known to Oxford, is a man of decided views with regard to big-game shooting. In the popular guide to his museum of natural history and anthropology he delivers himself of some "straight" talk on the subject. He says: "Big-game hunting is the hardest work in the world, but it is the attendant disappointments, the privations, the difficulties and the dangers that make it the greatest and grandest of all sports." And Mr. Peel knows what danger is, not to mention privation. When one looks round his museum and realises that the majority of the stuffed animals there, looking so harmless, have been living, palpitating flesh, and have had to be hunted through the noon-day of an African sun or the thrilling darkness of a tropical night, through countless adventures and hairbreadth escapes, we get a light on Mr. Peel's character which no amount of wordy explanation would reveal. He is an intrepid hunter, but unlike most sportsmen, he is not given to boasting about his exploits; indeed, one would be amazed at his extraordinary modesty, his gentle manner and slight appearance. He is a strange mixture of the debonair and the daring. His endurance is remarkable, and only proves what has been observed before—that one finds stamina of a remarkable kind in some of the most unlikely frames. Those who have heard him lecture or read his book on his adventures in Somaliland will recollect the awful experience of thirst he went through. Men and camels died one after another; he became weaker and weaker, and was almost about to "throw up the sponge" when at last water appeared. It was filthy stuff and under any other circumstances would have been left severely alone, but that water, had as it was, saved the hunter's life. He became very ill, and it so affected his mind and body that he returned home to England almost a wreck, and had the greatest difficulty in recalling the faces of his friends. Mr. Peel professes to despise civilisation, though he appears to enjoy himself when he is amongst us, and his views are tersely summed up in the following passage: "My advice to young men is—get out of these dirty, narrow-minded towns, with their many temptations, and get into the clean country, where a man worries less, for he uses his body more and his brain less, with the inevitable result that he feels well and strong, and can see and appreciate around him the beautiful works—not of man, but of God." He considers that natural history should be taught in every school, but "as it is, the ignorance on this subject displayed by so-called 'clever' people in this country is simply appalling." The picture of the bears is of the latest expedition Mr. Peel went with to Norway. The group consists of a large female bear in the foreground, with its left paw on a ringed seal. Two cubs are playing behind, and on the left of the picture are two Arctic foxes, with a hare between them. There is also a walrus rising out of the water. The scene in the background is a painting from a photograph taken of the steamer. Mr. Peel described his adventures, and the eccentricities of the foreign sportsmen who made up the party, in a lecture which he delivered last year at the museum. Amongst the most recent acquisitions of the museum is an enormous giraffe, standing 18ft. to its horns. The size of this animal is amazing to anyone who has only seen the specimens in the Zoological Gardens at Regent's Park. The picture of the zebra, or wild ass, is interesting as showing what a beautiful and well-proportioned animal it is. The creature in the group is being attacked fore and aft by a lion and lioness. There are several varieties of zebra, the largest being Grévy's zebra, which stands 14 hands high and has enormous ears. The specimen in the photograph is a Burchell's zebra. Zebras, when standing still, are extremely difficult to see, especially when there are many trees and bushes about. "The brown and white of their coats flickers in the sunlight into a grey colour, which harmonises wonderfully well with the animals' surroundings. As they are generally very fat they are well patronised by lions. Mr. Peel has had some exciting adventures with "rhinos" in general. "It is a ludicrous sight," he says, "to see a 'rhino,' charge a caravan of camels and porters. The camels stampede in every direction, throwing their loads about in an utter state of chaos, whilst the drivers all shin up the trees and sit perched up there till the 'rhino,' which comes through the bush like a snorting, puffing steam-roller, has passed by." What would the town-dwellers do under similar circumstances, when many of them are to be seen taking refuge in shops lining George-street on a market-day to escape the lurching of a harmless cow! There is a small table in the museum made from the hide of the rhinoceros, which when polished has the appearance of rippled amber. The history of the huge elephant shown in our illustration, with wing-like ears, is best given in Mr. Peel's own words. "The bamboo in which he was found was so thick that it was almost impossible for a man to get through it. I was obliged to follow the tracks made by the herd, and single him out from some fourteen or twenty cow-elephants. At the shot the noise made by the herd was stupendous. They trumpeted like Sousa's Band, and went crashing through the bamboo like an avalanche. Such a nerve-shattering experience I never wish to participate in again." The remaining illustration gives a very good idea of the camp equipment of a tropical hunter.

LIONS ATTACKING A ZEBRA.

A BULL ELEPHANT.

THE HUNTER'S CAMP.

GROUP OF ARCTIC ANIMALS.

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