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pair of hind legs appear. These are about as valuable to the animal as the tiger's clavicle is to him. There are but two species belonging to this strange genus, both of which are found in the stagnant waters of our southeastern states. Still lower than the amphiuma, is **The Mud Eel**, (*Siren lacertina*), of the southeastern quarter of the United States, which possesses small external gills, and only one pair of legs, which are in front.

The Menbranchus, or Mud Puppy, (*Necturus maculatos*), possesses external gills and four legs, and inhabits many of the rivers of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and also the Great Lakes and northern New York. It is often taken in fishermen's nets.

It is hoped that eventually it will be possible to procure and exhibit living specimens of the wonderful *Lepidosiren*, of Brazil, which by reason of the possession of lungs, and no external gills, is called a lung-fish.

THE SUMATRAN RHINOCEROS.

On March 25, 1902, the Zoological Society received by purchase a fine female specimen of the **Sumatran, or Hairy Rhinoceros**, (*Rhinoceros sumatrensis*). She was captured in the territory of Perak, Malay Peninsula, purchased for the Society in Singapore, by Captain Thomas Golding, Master of the *S. S. Afridi*, and by him brought to New York, in fine condition. On arrival at the Zoological Park she was christened "Ranee,"—a name which in India signifies "queen."

Owing to the great demand for rhinoceroses of all species, and the fact that prior to this importation six years had elapsed without one having come to America, the Society considers this purchase by Captain Golding a very fortunate one.

At this date "Ranee" is about three years old, and therefore quite immature. Her skin is black, smooth and very hairy. Her horn has only begun to grow. Her appetite is excellent, and her temper quite agreeable. Until the Antelope House is completed, she will be exhibited in a yard at the eastern end of the Reptile House, but will at the earliest possible moment be transferred to the new building, which will be her home until the Elephant House is erected.