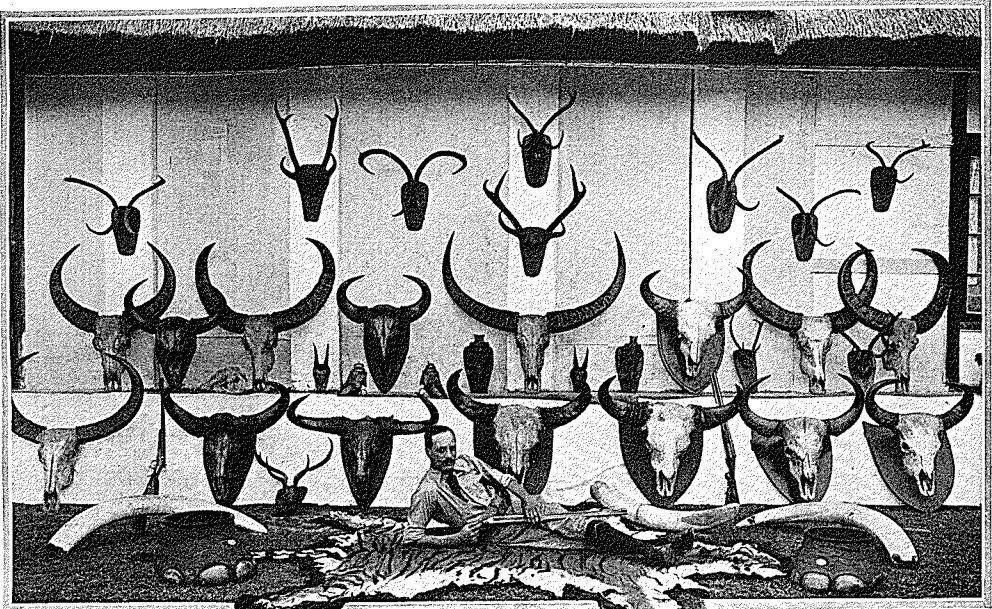
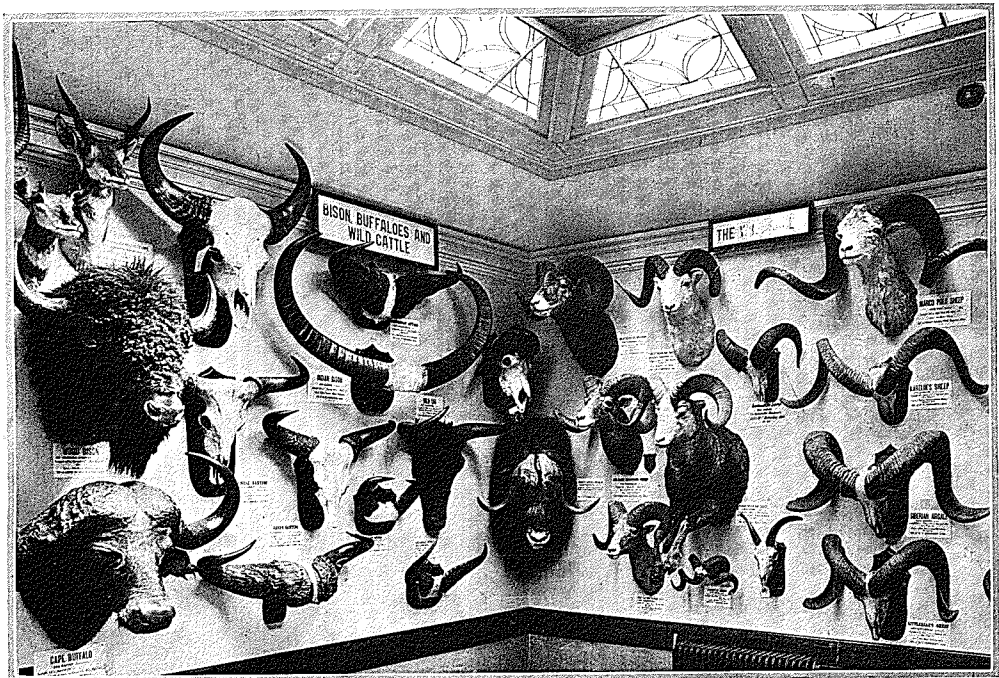


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SOME FINE TROPHIES OF BIG GAME SHOT IN ASSAM

A correspondent from Assam sends the above interesting photographs of trophies of big game shot by Major H. S. Wood, I.M.S., Civil Surgeon, Tezpur, Assam. The foreground shows a fine tiger 9 ft. 10 1/2 in. in length (12 ft. in the curved state), also the feet and tusks of two rogue elephants who had leveled toll on villagers' crops for seven or eight years. One of these elephants stood 10 ft. at the shoulders. The first row except head No. 2 from the left shows some splendid heads of the Assam variety of the Indian bison, the so-called muskox. These magnificent animals stand between nineteen and twenty hands at the shoulders. One of the heads is a record in basal measurement being 27 in. Head No. 2 in this row is the head of the tsine or Burmese wild bull; this is the second largest head that has ever been shot. The second row shows heads of the wild buffalo; the centre head measures 9 1/2 ft. round the sweep, and is that of a bull; the others are bulls but smaller and more massive. The third row shows heads of sambar sambar, and the rare Manipuri or hills deer. The goat-like horns are those of the red serou or cambusian. All the animals except the tiger have been tracked up and shot on foot by Major Wood, and on four or five occasions he has had narrow escapes.



A £10,000 NATIONAL COLLECTION OF HEADS AND HORNS IN NEW YORK

The national collection of heads and horns which the sportsmen of America commenced to collect three years ago has now been placed in its official home in the new Administration Building of the New York Zoological Society, this institution having undertaken to care for and exhibit the trophies to the public. Dr. W. T. Hornaday gave an impetus to the scheme by presenting his own private collection, numbering a hundred heads. The trophies now total 655 specimens and occupy the walls of two large galleries in the new Administration Building in the New York Zoological Park, these rooms having been specially designed to accommodate them. The idea of gathering these trophies together was because of the absence in the American museum of a truly representative display of big game heads. But what has astonished sportsmen and naturalists most about the present collection is the splendid and multitudinous array of extremely fine specimens it contains. Of world-record horns and tusks it boasts sixteen "firsts," ten "seconds," three "thirds," and two "fourths." The names of the collectors are more than 2,000, but its zoological and educational value cannot certainly be computed in commercial terms. Up to date eighty-eight persons have contributed specimens and thirty-six have subscribed funds for purchases. The trophies have been received from British East Africa, Kashmir, London, Pittsburgh, Doylestown, Victoria, Santa Barbara, and Ching-king in China.