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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir.—My old friend and brother officer, the late Captain J. L. Cotter, M.C., of The 18th Royal Irish, captured a white rhino cub up-country in Kenya about 1907 or 1908, after he had shot the mother. He fed it for a time on milk, and then brought it down to Nairobi, where a representative of Hagenbeck's Circus happened to be calling, to whom he sold it for Rs. 1,500. I long kept the snapshot which he sent me showing him feeding the little beast from a bottle. In extenuation of his killing of the mother I must add that in no other way could he have secured the animal, and that at that time the acquisition of such a sum was of great importance to him. He was always a first-rate sportsman.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. BUTLER.

Grateley, Hampshire, Jan. 19.