

donkey seen everywhere, but he was sturdy, vigorous and rather wild. I asked the man who was holding it very fast with the help of another chap, where he got that donkey from, and he answered promptly that it was "Humar El Wadi" (the wild ass) which he trapped about 4 or 5 months before, and that he had been breaking it. Further conversation between the group of men and myself about wild asses and their whereabouts, revealed the following facts:—

- (a) The wild asses seen in this part of the Northern Province are not the true wild asses.
- (b) They were originally domestic donkeys which ran away from or were abandoned by their owners and became wild.
- (c) They normally live on the hills near Abu Ushar wells and other watering-places.
- (d) They come down to water with other domestic animals and they are sometimes trapped by the nomads but with great difficulty.

2. All nomads in that area including the Omda of the Hassaniya with whom I discussed the matter agreed to the foregoing facts.

Brocklehurst's description of the Wild Ass *reads as follows* :—

"3 feet 9 inches to 4 feet high, ears very long, hooves broader than domestic donkeys. No forelock, greyish fawn in colour, narrow dorsal stripe, dark patch on each side of front fetlocks; no dark barrings on the legs. White ring round eye but no white on buttocks or rump. Muzzle under surface, lower jaw, inside of ears, inner surface and lower legs white."

Further observations would be welcome.

Nimule Reserve Notes

There is now a car-ferry at Nimule into the Reserve and a road will be made up to the Fola rapids and a rest house built there.

Visitors continue to get wonderful views of game. It seems almost impossible to go there without seeing rhino, elephant and buffalo within a mile of the crossing. Last year Mr. Tiernay and Mr. Owen witnessed the birth of an elephant; Dr. Woodman saw a pair of rhino mating and Mr. Corfield and the Game Warden were able to approach and photograph at 50 yards range a group consisting of thirteen white rhino and a black and a red buffalo.

Also well worth seeing are the fishing methods used by the Uganda Madi at the Fola rapids. They employ various ingenious traps in the clefts and back-waters of the river's rocky channel and shoot the fish attempting to ascend the rapids with bows and arrows.

It is an easy place to get at and everyone who can should try and visit it. If the ferry is required the Asst. Game Warden requires a fortnight's notice.—A. FORBES.