

"Bascule."

7. A competitor may adopt a pseudonym for the purposes of the competition, but in the event of his being successful he must give his full name and address when applying for his prize.

LORD CURZON OF KEDLESTON IN KOOCH BEHAR.

THE Maharajah of Kooch Behar, who includes in his dominions one of the finest tracts of game country in the world, has long been famous for the princely sport which it is his pleasure to provide for distinguished English visitors. The Viceroy of India has recently been shooting in Kooch Behar, and our illustrations, taken on this trip, will be found to give excellent samples of the wild life of the country, and the methods adopted in the great hunts provided by the Maharajah. The Maharajah of Kooch Behar is himself a notable big-game hunter; some of his many trophies may be remembered in the Indian and Colonial Exhibition and elsewhere. His territory lies in North-East India, abutting on Bhutan and Assam. In the dense jungles of this wild region are to be found rhinoceros, tiger, leopard, gaur, and other kinds of game. Tigers are especially abundant, and often attain great size and weight. In a letter to the *Asian* newspaper in 1893, the Maharajah gave the weights of twelve of these animals shot by him in that country; these varied from 44lb. to 536lb., the latter being the weight of a tiger measuring 10 feet in length. Another 10-foot tiger scaled 453lb. These are immense weights—if it be remembered that a well-grown man of 12 stone scales no more than 168lb.—and they give some idea of the enormous strength of these carnivora. A heavy lion seldom exceeds 500lb. His Majesty the King shot, years ago, in Kooch Behar, and had the good fortune to bag a magnificent tiger which measured 10ft 5in. in length, before skinning, and weighed no less than 504lb. The forearm of this monster measured 18½ inches in girth, and the beast stood 3ft. 5in. in height. But the Maharajah has himself eclipsed all these records by shooting a tiger in his country, which weighed 600lb., and stood 3ft. 8½in. at the shoulder. Among the "Records of Big Game" (Rowland Ward), the Maharajah stands first with four leopards, shot in Kooch Behar; these measured respectively, before skinning, 8ft., 8ft. 1½in., 8ft. 2 1-8in., and 8ft. 4in. These are great measurements for leopard, or, as the animal is more usually called in India, panther.

The Maharajah of Kooch Behar has also been very successful with the rhinoceros—a beast now growing remarkably scarce in India—found in his dominions. The great Assam plain and Kooch Behar are among the last strongholds in Hindustan of *Rhinoceros unicornis*. Three record specimens, shot by the Maharajah, measured respectively at the shoulder 6ft. 4½in., 6ft. 1in., and 6ft. 0½in. The girth of the biggest, behind the shoulder, was 119 inches! Lord Curzon has had previous experience of Indian rhinoceros, having shot a specimen in Nepal carrying a record horn of 21½in. The horns of African rhinoceroses of course greatly exceed this measurement.

It will be gathered from these few facts that Lord Curzon must have had an extremely interesting time during his recent visit to Kooch Behar. The jungle is so dense, so strong, and so lofty, that shooting from the elephant is in nearly all cases a necessity. The photographs from which our reproductions were taken show very well the various phases of the day's sport. The rush of wild cattle (gaur), crossing a river, is especially remarkable, and the picture of elephants bathing near the camp, after a hard day's work, is equally good.

THE NORTH LONDON BOWLING CLUB.

THE North London Bowling Club, the fine green of which, amidst delightful surroundings on the Highgate estate of the Earl of Mansfield, was founded in 1891 by a