

No. 4.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN EAST AFRICA, dated September 16, 1903.

I AM writing to you as there are a few things about the game here that may interest you.

I believe you once passed through Taveta, and so will know what an extremely beautiful district it is, although at present the plains are badly burnt up, the earlier rains having been very slight.

There has been no resident district officer here since November last, and as a consequence, the game has suffered rather badly. The Wakamba are the chief offenders, and now that the drought has driven the game to the lower swamps, these poachers have concentrated there also.

A number of little bomas they had made close to the places where the animals drink, as well as several nests made in trees overhanging game-paths, have been found and destroyed.

Another cause for the diminishing as well as the extreme wildness of the game is the fact that certain Germans send their men into English territory to drive zebra to their traps.

Kongoni are plentiful, and there are a fair number of Grantii; a few ostriches wander about between Chala and the Serengeti, while there are quite a number of rhino. about. Coming back from the swamps I came across a herd of fourteen giraffes, most of them young ones, not having their marks yet, but only a brownish coat. In the same

district I came across many lion tracks, but in spite of sitting up two successive nights, I could not see one, much less get a shot.

Taveta itself is alive with birds of different colours, but a light gun is a necessity to get good skins.

On the whole this is a very good game district, but it does want preserving better.

I don't think it is generally known that Colobus are very plentiful in the Kitowoo forest, N.W. of Jipe.

No. 5.

AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT AT BARBERTON IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEARLY half of this district is game reserve, and public opinion will not stand any more just here, and I think it is quite large enough. The white men have grumbled a good deal at being shut out from prospecting there. The following is the area of the eastern game reserves: Boundaries, north, Oliphant's river; east, the Portuguese frontier; south, the Crocodile river; west, the water-shed from Crocodile Poort Railway station to Logies kop, thence following North Sand river to junction with Savie river, thence following Savie river to where it touched the Selali Railway Extension, then Selali Railway Extension to Oliphant's river.

The penalty for killing any game within the