

BAMBOO SEED.

TO THE EDITOR, "INDIAN FORESTER."

DEAR SIR,—We have had a number of applications lately for *bamboo seed*;* do you happen to know of any place where the bamboo has seeded lately? I would like to procure a good quantity both to meet members' applications and to exchange for timber and other seeds from other countries.

I do not find much information on the subject, but understand that bamboo raised from seed made better growth than those propagated in the usual way. Any information on this subject either for our Proceedings, or in your own Journal, would be very interesting.

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

THE following extract from a letter from Dr. Briscoe, the Civil Surgeon, Kuch Behar, dated 15th August, relates to a narrow escape from a tiger by his son, a Tea Planter, in the Darrang District, Assam :—

"I received a letter from Tom this afternoon, in which he states he had a narrow escape from a tiger a few evenings previous. He was out dining with some others at Campbell's the forest officer's place, and on his return home about midnight, the road lay through some jungle grass, and as he was passing through it, a tiger sprang on his horse. Fortunately he was going at a good pace, and the horse was a great strong beast, which he had lately got up from Calcutta, so the tiger missed his spring, and only got on the horse's flank, which he clawed and bit very nastily. Tom hit the brute over the head with his whip, and shouted as loud as he could, which caused the beast to let go, and Tom managed to ride the horse home; the animal was still in great pain when he wrote, and he has doubts of its ever getting over it. He says it was a moonlight night, and he saw the beast distinctly, and that it was not pleasant, to see the tiger's ugly face alongside his leg. The next day he went after the tiger, but of course did not get a glimpse of him."

* *Bambusa grudinacea* only seeds every 30 or 40 years. *Dendrocalamus strictus* seeds partially almost every year in the Dehra Dún and Saháranpur Districts, and we can generally supply seed in April.

A very full account of this bamboo, by Colonel Doveton, was given in the November Number of Vol. IX., "Indian Forester." If any of our readers will kindly note in our pages whether any species of bamboo is blossoming now in any part of India, the information will be very acceptable.—[ED.].