

Homeward Mail from India, China and the East -

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A CORRESPONDENT telegraphs to a Calcutta paper from the Cooch Behar Shooting Camp, under date Feb. 25 :— " We started from camp at nine o'clock. In the first beat a fine rhinoceros was driven out to the Hon. Charles Harbord, who drove it back with a shot to Prince Christian Victor. The Prince put a couple of shots, driving it back into the dense nulse jungle. Mr. Bignell, who was guiding the line, turned back and managed to hind it ; but on reforming the line and beating back, a tiger broke, and the rhinoceros was left in the heavy nul. The line was formed at an angle, and at the second beat the tiger—or rather tigress—broke exactly in front of his Excellency the Viceroy. His Excellency's first shot went clean through both shoulders, and the second shot killed her. This was his Excellency's first kill. On the way home line was formed, and deer and other small game were bagged. On Wednesday the party went out six miles on a pass close to the Government forests, and breaking through the very heavy piece of nul, 35 feet high in places, drove out two fine rhinoceri. One of them—the bull—was neatly killed by Surgeon-Major Fenn and the other by the Hon. C. Harbord and the Chevalier Scheibler. After luncheon line was made for general shooting, and the bag was seven fine deer and other small game."

The rogue elephant which was the cause of Mrs. Anson's death has been killed." Mr. Osmaston, of the Forest Department, who was with the Khedda party on the day of the accident, writes to a friend, under date Feb. 13 :— " I have been trying to get him marked down ever since, as the whole neighbourhood were afraid of him ; and finally to-day, after about six hours' steady tracking on foot, I succeeded in shooting him. He is a huge beast with two tusks ; but absolutely tailless. I had to give him five bullets (all of which struck him in the head) from a 12-bore taking six drams of powder ! I stalked up quite close to him, without his perceiving me, and shot him—at about twenty-five yards."