

A FIVE-HORNED RHINOCEROS.

SIR,—While shooting in East Africa the other day I killed a black rhinoceros with five horns, the measurements of which I herewith send you. I shall be much obliged if you or any of your correspondents can kindly inform me if there have been any other instances recorded of the black rhinoceros carrying so many horns. Sir John Willoughby, in his book on East Africa, mentions having shot one with three horns, though none of them equal in size to this specimen. The above was a very old dry cow, and I do not think would have lived much longer, as she was very poor in condition.

First horn.—Counting from snout, measurement $14\frac{1}{2}$ in.; is a normal front horn curving backwards.

Second horn.— $15\frac{1}{2}$ in., curving forwards instead of backwards or being straight, as is usual, and leaning considerably over to the off-side.

Third horn.— $11\frac{1}{2}$ in. long and $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide half way between base and apex; is flat and perpendicular, and, though a distinct horn, grows out of the off-side of the base of No. 2.

Fourth horn.—Is a stumpy, abortive horn, 9 in. long, growing partly from the base of No. 3, but quite separate and inclining slightly backwards.

Fifth horn.—A distinct horn, $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, with its own base separated about 3 in. from No. 4. EDGAR G. HARRISON,

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