

THE PET OF THE FAMILY

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ABOUT THE RHINOCEROS.

he flies. When he is in the water he folds them close to his body. He looks very lovely when he flies. His silver wings and blue body shine brightly in the sunlight. Bobby was never tired of watching them.

Sometimes they flew on the deck of the ship. Once his papa and mamma and Bobby were eating dinner, when down came a flying-fish through the open skylight upon the table.

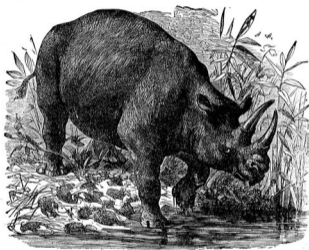
When Bobby came to live on shore he called the house the "cabin." When he was going out-doors he always said "I am going *on deck.*"



ABOUT THE RHINOCEROS.

"Wasn't he big? bigger—bigger than six—two pigs!" said Alfred, who is five years old. He had just been to the Zoölogical Gardens with his father. He heard his father say the rhinoceros belonged to the "Pig family."

That day a gentleman dined with his father. It was Mr.



ABOUT THE RHINOCEROS.

Gordon, the great hunter. Then Alfred heard something more about the rhinoceros. Mr. Gordon has hunted the rhinoceros in Africa. One day he went out from his camp without his gun. Suddenly he came upon a huge black rhinoceros; he was feeding.

Just as soon as the rhinoceros saw Mr. Gordon he ran at him. It was of no use for Mr. Gordon to run, because the rhinoceros could run faster than he. So he dodged behind a tree.

The rhinoceros cannot play dodge; he is too big. He ran right by the tree; then he turned to come back. He ran at Mr. Gordon again, and Mr. Gordon dodged behind another tree.

So they kept dodging till Mr. Gordon's servant came with a gun. Then he killed the rhinoceros. The rhinoceros has a horn on his nose. The African rhinoceros has two horns. These horns are sometimes three feet long. He can root up a small tree with his horns. He does this to get at the leaves and fruit. The rhinoceros lives on grass and leaves and fruit.

The rhinoceros in the picture is an Indian rhinoceros. He is found in Asia. See how his skin lies over in great folds. The skin of the rhinoceros is very thick and tough. He has no hair or fur. He wallows in the black mud of the rivers. He likes to cover himself with it.

The rhinoceros has one good friend. It is a little bird. This bird lights upon the rhinoceros and picks off the insects that trouble him. These insects often bore through the skin. This little bird has long claws so he can cling. He runs all over and under the rhinoceros. Then too he warns him of danger. He hears a noise. He flies into the air with sharp shrill cries. The rhinoceros is frightened and runs away as fast as he can.

Mr. Gordon told Alfred that this little bird often frightened the rhinoceros away when he was hunting him.