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## ROOSEVELT IN AFRICA

### Hunting the Hippopotamus

By Frederick R. Toombs

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**H**IPPOPOTAMUS hunting affords variety for big game hunters in that it takes its devotees almost exclusively along rivers and lakes, a welcome change usually from the pursuit of the many animals generally frequenting the hot plains and rocky hills.

The hippopotamus is practically an aquatic animal, though a mammal, and Mr. Roosevelt can leave his expedition to pursue lions, elephants or antelopes temporarily while he embarks on a boat or canoe and voyages through the haunts of the hippo. But most hippo hunting is done from shore along the banks because of the increased danger resulting to the sportsmen from the use of boats. Hippos have a long list of victories over river and lake craft of many sizes and descriptions, attacking them with ferocity and effectiveness that stout timbers have failed to withstand.

The dangerous disposition of the East African hippos when assailed or angered is well illustrated by the accounts of their sensational assaults on railway locomotives on the line extending from Mombasa to Lake Victoria Nyanza. Engineers and railroad officials relate that hippos are stirred to towering rage by the snorting, puffing, whistling, fire blowing engines and that repeatedly they have come on the tracks near the Athi river station and charged boldly at the headlight. Only quick work of the engineer in stopping the train has averted serious accidents, as a collision with a hippo would surely result in wrecked cars. His weight is as great as four tons and over, his thick skin alone sometimes tipping the scales at over 500 pounds when freshly removed. Sometimes about fifteen feet in length and standing from three to four feet high at the shoulder (of course exclusive of neck, trunk and head), the hippo is an obstacle that an

avocado close at one side, nor in the dim light did they observe the eyes and nose of two hippos peeping above the water edge three or four yards out from the bank. Suddenly the crocodile gave a powerful sweep with his formidable tail, as resistless as though made of spring steel, and hurled both men, screaming in pain and horror, directly in front of the lurking hippos. Before aid could reach the unfortunates from the camp the hippos dragged them, broken and torn, beneath the turbid waters, to stamp their bodies deep into the slime and mud.

Night, in fact, is invariably a time of action in the neighborhood of a hippo wallowing place, and native hunters effect many killings and captures after dark by the crude means they employ, though personal conflict with so imposing a foe is naturally avoided in the blackness that obscures his body. One of these native hippo slaying agencies consists of a weighted spear, often tipped with poison, which is suspended over a tree branch near the animal's tracks. The suspending cord is attached to stakes fixed on either side of the tracks. The animal coming along strikes the cord, and the stakes are uprooted, thus releasing the spear, which strikes deeply into the body or head of the hippo. This method is also used at times in the slaying of elephants. Pitfalls, after the fashion in India, are also used to secure hippos and rhinoceroses.

Through long, dark tunnels forced from the stream banks through reeds and brush the hippos make their way to the land vegetation, free from observation, and in these grewsome looking passageways the females frequently retreat with their young to escape danger.

The female hippos utter loud snorts and grunts when moving about, fear-some noises that can be heard a mile off, though most of the day they remain practically quiet, sleeping and yawning the time away on the water's surface or standing stupidly in herds on some sunny sand spit, with their heads resting on one another's backs because of the excessive weight of these hideous frontal "adornments." Thus the homily of bearing one another's burdens is not unknown to denizens of jungle and morass.

The same caution necessary in elephant hunting, as regards getting to windward of the animal, is required in tracking hippos. While the elephant can detect the presence of a human being many hundreds of yards away merely by his scent, it is doubtful if this scent is so keenly developed in the hippo. There is one advantage held by hippo pursuers which veterans do not fail to put to good use when necessary. I refer to the lowness of his eyes, which makes it difficult to see objects at any appreciable height. Consequently persons chased by one of them sometimes escape by climbing a tree and taking a carefully aimed shot at him as he goes lumbering by. Owing to this same peculiarity hippos will pass by a man perched on an oak hill or a hammock but a few yards away without seeing him if the person keeps still.

Keen observers have noted various peculiar propensities of hippos, among them the tendency among males to neglect their offspring. Bulls have frequently been seen to attack and maltreat their young. Then, too, they are habitual fighters among themselves at night, and a wounded hippo, whether injured by a fellow sporter or a bullet, is often attacked and abused by the other members of the herd.

Following is an extract from a famous African hunter's account of an East African native hippo chase, which illustrates the favorite method adopted by jungle inhabitants, who ingeniously must remain unquieted; he accompanied the natives on board of a huge raft made of reeds and logs and floated down the river on a moonlit night. The natives had spears or harpoons attached to long ropes, and at the rear of the raft canoes were kept in readiness.

"Soon a sound of waters cleaved by heavy bodies mingled with deep snorts came to our ears. We swung around a bend and were in the midst of a herd of hippopotamuses. At least a dozen of them there seemed to be disporting in the water, some spouting through their nostrils and yet others rolling in the mud and ooze. Just then the raft ran sheer against a huge beast, and a native poised his huge harpoon in his hand and drove it with all his force into the monster's back.

"The stricken beast, with a cry that scattered the remainder of the herd, dived like a stone for the bottom. In a moment he was going downstream at a rate that soon used up the line on the harpoon, and it was jerked out of the huntsman's hand, leaving the buoy attached to tell the course of his flight. Two of the natives launched and jumped into the canoe, I with them, and a few minutes of vigorous paddling enabled us to recover the buoy. The beast was still traveling too fast for us to haul in much line, but soon he slackened, and we knew he was coming up to breathe. Then the natives hauled on the line with frantic energy, propelling the canoe by this means alone, so that when his head emerged we were not far distant. As soon as he appeared the natives launched a couple of spears into his side. He went like a bolt. Still he pursued his course downstream, and we followed him to repeat the same tactics over. Every time he rose he was wounded afresh, and a crimson stain on the water marked his course as well as the buoy. His rushes now became feebler, and we knew that the cattle was nearly over. Once more he tried to rise no more. The natives paddled to shore and tied the rope to a tree, knowing full well that the river would give up its spell in the morning when gases formed in his stomach and would raise him."



NATIVES DRAGGING OUT A HIPPOPOTAMUS

avalanche might well hesitate to announce; also it is told on the Uganda railway that when trains have stopped until the hippo has left the track the animal has charged at the engine and fought it, endeavoring to push it off the rails.

Probably the hippo would hate to learn it, but he is technically classed with pigs by various learned writers, though he has many radically different characteristics. At any rate, the ancient Egyptians began his humiliation by terming him the "river swine." The Arabs treated him very gently, naming him the "water buffalo." Hollanders know him as the "zee kuh" (sea cow), and he received his present appellation, hippopotamus, from the Greeks. So it is seen that, widely known for centuries throughout the world, the hippo formerly must have had an unusually wide range of existence. And that is true. Although now found only in Africa, he anciently roamed over England, Italy, Palestine, etc., and his skeleton, strangely enough, has been found side by side with that of the reindeer in several places in England, though no farther north than Yorkshire.

In Uganda, along Mr. Roosevelt's route, are found the finest living specimens of the hippo "race." The many waterways and marshes provide them with ideal retreats and breeding and feeding places. Hunters on finding what looks like a probable feeding place camp near by and keep careful watch, for in regions where shooting has before occurred the beasts become very wary, keeping under water, with only their noses protruding among lily pads or grass. In wild districts grass and water plants (principally lotus and poppy) are their pabulum, but where cultivation occurs they greedily invade rice, millet, sugar and maize fields, doing incalculable damage not only by devouring, but by trampling. An idea of the prodigious amount of

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## High School Baccalaureate Sermon.

Saturday evening the high school graduates enjoyed their first experience as important members of this community, and hundreds were present to honor them in this distinction. Twenty-one young gentlemen and ladies marched into the court-room and were assigned seats in the jury box there to admire and be admired by admiring relatives and friends. Everybody loves the sweet girl graduates and the young men got their share of attention.

The program opened with prayer by County Superintendent Mair of Minnehaha, who delivered the address, after which came a song by a choir of splendid singers composed of Frank H. Treat, James Pattee, Maud Lewis and Mrs. Myron Dunlap, accompanied by Miss Jessie Koderick at the organ.

Prof. Mair took his text from Samuel, reading of the contest between David and Goliath, and likened the graduates to young Davids, who must meet and overcome Goliath in their progress through life. His subject was well chosen and in elaboration he pictured youthful ambition beset with trials and tribulations but held to the text that in progressive purpose they could overcome all barriers through diligence and application backed by Christian faith like unto that which gave David victory over the giant. David destroyed Goliath because he was prepared for the work before him, having learned how to use the sling while tending his father's flocks. So with the graduates in their future contests in life's progress, they must be prepared to meet every obstacle and take advantage of opportunity, as luck is but the handmaiden of preparedness, and luck is but a mockery if not sustained by the elements that come through a

progressive spirit built upon christianity and education. The address was very highly appreciated by all. Superintendent Woodburn occupied a seat by the speaker and he was decidedly proud of that splendid class of youthful graduates, as were all the high school teachers who were present to enjoy the triumph of their pupils. The event was one of the most interesting in the history of the Canton high school.

Get your suit made at home by T. T. SEXE. 45

Mrs. Kate Christopher and Mrs. Albert Oshman entertained a large party of friends last Friday afternoon. It was the largest and one of the most pleasant parties of the season.

## Lost a Bull Calf.

Strayed from the premises of Peter J. A. Peterson five miles west and two miles north of Canton on or about May 21, one bull calf about 10 months old. White spot on side. Please notify Mr. Peterson on Worthington phone line. 50-52.

## KENNEDY COLUMN.

**HAY LAND FOR RENT.**  
I have 200 acres of hay land two miles south of Worthing which I will rent in lots of forty acres and over. About half of this land is first class timothy and clover and the balance prairie.

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## Hay for Sale

I will have on hand at all times, plenty of choice timothy and prairie hay, which I will deliver on short order. I have 100 tons of prairie hay which I will sell in the stack at \$3 per ton, two miles south of Worthing.

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