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‘Bring 'Em Back Alive,' Frank Buck's Wild Cargo of Rare Animals, Birds And Reptiles As it Appears at the World's Fair, A Century of Progress, Chicago, 1934.

## FRANK BUCK'S Book of THRILLS

In the jungle exhibit at the World's Fair, My Associates and I have done our utmost to show you the inmates of the jungle as they really are. The fierce and the gentle - the deadly and the harmless, the weak and the strong . . . all of them my friends, and, through the fuller knowledge that it is my wish that you may gain, I hope they may become your friends as well.



snake into a gunny sack he carried and his life as an animal catcher was launched.
Through boyhood years in Texas he trapped and hunted all of the wild life that throngs the state A stranger going into the Buck back yard would find anything from a tame coyote to a pair of crippled wild ducks that he had found somewhere and brought home to cure. It was during these years that he acquired the skill with rope, rifle and bolas, the three stranded rope weapon comimon o several countries in South America, that stood him in such good stead in later life.
From Texas he went to Chicago and for a time followed the hum-drum walks of life that fall to the ordinary young man. But that didn't satisf Frank Buck for very long and he managed to joi an expedition that was going to South Americ

A Spotted leopard taken on
the "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Expedition.

fter rare birds. This trip was so successful that e made another and this time he did a little colecting on his own account.
Arriving back in the United States he found that he could sell half of this private collection of his or much more than he had thought the whole ollection was worth. From then on Frank deided that this greatest thrill in life for him should he his whole career.
It was a tough long trail at first for the young collector was unknown. It takes a lot of capital o collect animals on speculation and hold them, in good health, until a bidder can be found, and in those early days it was hard to find zoos and collectors who would trust the inexperienced beginner.
fter a few nondescript adventures some of which showed a little profit, but of which many more resulted in little more than new experience, Frank crossed the Pacific. Somehow, he knew that he was home. There is something in the Orient that reacts in this way on some people and Frank Buck was one of them. Almost from the beginning success began to come his way. The natives liked him instinctively and rare specimens began to come his way when older men were not able to fill the orders.
Over forty times Frank Buck has ploughed the waters of the Pacific. Twenty long voyages to the jungles of Malasia, of Sumatra and Borneo. He has tramped almost every yard of the island of Borneo, most of the dusty roads of India have shown the imprint of his feet and out of these adenturous wanderings have come strange cargoes, animals who have never appeared in any zoo be fore, reptiles, deadlier and larger than it was thought that they could ever be and as a crowning achievement he brought back the two most realistic, truthful and accurate motion pictures that have ever come from the wild places of the world.


## Giant Malayan Tapir

II N the dim beginning of the world tapirs roamed the jungle pretty much as they are doing right now. They are the oldest animals in the world oday-that is they have been on the earth in heir present form longer than any other animal. nimal life is continually going through a process f change. The shaggy mastodon of ten thousand enturies ago is replaced by the elephant. The earest thing to a dragon that is left on the earth today is the giant lizard of Comodo Island. The ancestor of our present day horse was no bigger than a fox terrier and had three toes ten million years ago. Camels the size of greyhounds oamed the deserts of Arizona when men were till cave dwellers. Because this strange, harmless beast the tapir exists today in the exact condition hat his forebearers attained millions of years ago, he is probably the most interesting animal in he world.
he tapir captured during my "Wild Cargo" ex pedition is one of the few specimens of this rare
heast that I have brought back to the United States during my many years of collecting animals, birds and reptiles for American Zoos, and it is one of the few in captivity in the world.
Tapirs are found in tropical, marshy country where roots of aquatic plants abound, and where shrubs and bushes grow along the banks of rivers and creeks. These vegetable arowth form the greater part of the animal's diet They are alse very fond of tapioca whe the are are quantities throughout most of the Malayan Penin sula. Tapirs are usually taken in heavy log trap baited with this root. In color the Malayan is glossy black on the fore and hind quaters and clear white around the center of the body - There is also a variety of tapir in South America, which is considerably smaller than the Malayan variet and drab brown in color. and drab brown in color.
The tapir will never attack unless molested, and can be very easily tamed.

counterbalance that was the fact that he caught the ensational fight between the tiger and the python. Native legends tell of many such battles and Frank has seen several patches of jungle that plainly how that it has been their battleground but the one in "Bring 'Em Back Alive" is the only one that he, or any other white man of his acquaint ance, has ever seen.
From the beginning, it had been in the back of Frank's mind and when a native brought him word that a big python was sleeping off a meal in a sunny clearing not far from the camp where they had gone to take shots of a particularly large tiger, Frank felt that maybe there was a chance, For several days he had beaters harry the big cat until he was savage enough to bite himself. One

Golden Gibbon ape taken by Frank Buck in the Malayan jungles.

f his trails, clearly marked by his pugs in the oft earth, lead right by the python's retreal. After checking carefully, Frank left definite signs and tracks across all of the other tiger trails, tationed his men at what seemed the strategic points, set up his concealed cameras and waited. On the third day it happened and the greatest fight in screen history went into the records. Through further good luck the python was a paricularly big one and the match was pretty even bearing out the accepted theory that these particular creatures rarely bother one another.
"Bring 'Em Back Alive" also showed a fight beween a black panther and a python which ended in another draw. Luckily for the black demon this python lacked the size of the tiger's opponent for the second picture "Wild Cargo" a black panher on whose trail Frank had been camped for al ost a week wandered across a pyck could do ng near the to the bug hing about it the huge snake, more than tweny, he he the rotten branch.
According to Frank the black panther, or leopard is the toughest denizen of the jungle. Leopards of any nature are rarely trained but the black leopard is untameable. Pound for pound he can ackle anything in the jungle and make him like it. Like the silver fox the black leopard can occur in any litter of leopard kittens as can the clouded species, the third in the family.
Followers of Frank Buck's stories will remember 'Spitfire' the valiant member of this tribe, who, Spitfire, the valiant member of this tribe, who,
escaping from a cage on the deck of a steamer in scaping from a cage on the deck of a steamer in
the straits of Malacca, dived overboard and started for the shore. Even when sharks literally tore him apart the black battler fought back till the last life had gone from him.


## Building an Elephant Kraal

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motion picture, "Wild Cargo," there were cenes showing the capture of a herd of wild lost easily trained of all animals, his capture is packed with more danger than a whole carload of lgers could ever be. In addition to the danger it is a real back breaking job. First a site must be selected somewhere in the heavy jungle where herds f wild elephants are not too far distant. Then mber has to be felled and dragged up to the保 ge a the hage $\mathrm{log}_{5}$, we trained elephants, their wild cousins would be afe enough.
The natives make quite a ceremony out of the hunt. When the logs are brought up for the building of the kraal, every twelfth $\log$ is carved
with signs and symbols, and faced in just the right direction to appease the evil spirits of the jungle. Aside from these especially carved posts that go into the main body of the kraal, they are also used at the entrance. Two of them can be seen in the accompanying photograph. Each of these logs are about twenty feet in length and are of the hardest wood that can be found in the jungle. It takes twenty natives to lift and carry one of the logs that go into the building of the kraal, but a big work elephant can handle several hundred of these logs in the space of a few days without mishap and with accuracy.
The Kraal in question was built in the mountain country about fifty miles from Kandi in the Island of Ceylon, and resulted in the capture of two fine young bull elephants who became part of my "Wild Cargo."


In "Wild Cargo" Frank Buck captured a pair of black leopards in a rather unusual manner, or at least he captured the female in a strange way. The male of the pair, for they are gradually becoming common enough in the Malayan peninsula to permit of the mating of black males only with females of the same color, had been captured in a regular $\log$ trap but the female would have nothing to do with anything that Frank and his boys could build for her.
The order called for a pair of the species and Frank decided to try a native trick that he had hard about but had not tried before. The female was hanging around the camp where her mate was
caged and Frank felt that they ought to be to gether again.
Selecting a clearing less than a quarter of a mile from the camp Frank sent his Number Two boy to the top of a 'walking stick' tree, the aracca palm, so called because of its long, pliant trunk Cutting off the tuft of leaves at the top the boy secured two ropes to the very top of the tree Frank and the rest seized one of the ropes and wrapping it around another larger tree they bent the top of the palm over until the rope would stand little more strain.
The four corners of a net were fastened to the other rope and the net, lying flat on the ground, was camouflaged with twigs and leaves. A chicken that any animal taking it would hat whe that would re Next morning
Next morning the trap was sprung but no panther was in it. With much labor the snare was set again and this time Buck and his party decided to leave nothing to chance. When night fell they were hidden in the surrounding trees to watch what wa going to happen. The riddle of the released trap was soon solved. A hyena, who takes his food on the run, made a dive at the chicken. This time however, Frank had outsmarted the jungle for instead of fixing the trigger as before his Number Two boy lay along the limb of the other tree read to cut the rope when the black panther should enter the trap.
It was the work of only a few moments to pin out another chicken and after a little wait the black leopard came to the lure. After first circling the net while the frightened fowl screeched and fought to get free, she apparently decided that the bird was caught in some natural snare and she made ing stick' bounded erect, jerking one hundred and


## Argus Pheasant

$\prod_{\text {HE argus pheasant is the rarest and most beau }}$ tiful, as well as the largest of the pheasant family and the one shown here was about the finest specimen I had ever seen. These birds though no bigger in body than a Plymouth Rock hen have long plumed tail feathers which give them a length plumed tail feathers which give hem a consth ous detail of this bird's gorgeous plumage, however, is the big primary wing feathers, each one of which is marked with a series of "eyes" in buff brown and white. It is from these "eye" markings that the bird derives the name of
"argus." These beautiful pheasants are extremely shy and few white men have ever seen them in their native habitat. Most of the rubber planters and others who live in or near the Malayan jungles have heard its musical call, which can be heard for a mile or more in the jungle, but few have actually seen the bird
We caught a number of them during my "Wil Cargo" expedition by setting out snares. The male in the photograph had just been captured when the picture was made.


fifty pounds of startled leopard twenty-five feet into the air
Next day the party cut her down and caged her with the mate she was so loathe to loose. Everything in the jungle isn't filled with peril for even the Animal Empire has its comedians. The spectacled langur, Frank calls them the 'Eddie Cantor monkeys and indeed they do resemble the makeup oi the famous comedian, can always be depended upon for a laugh or two. They are greedy little creatures and Frank caught a score or so for his "Wild Cargo in a manner that sounds like a page from an old fairy story with moral to the effect that 'greediness never pays. There were hundreds of them around the camp and up in the trees they were about as easy to cage a quicksilver. Frank made it very simple. Taking

Camera platform erected in
the elephant kraal to
lephant kraal to
action closeups.

about a dozen coco-nuts he cut a hole in boih ends. Through the small one at the bottom he passed a piece of string with a knot at the end and fastened the other end to a stake, leaving the nuts securely tied down. Then, through a hole large enough to admit the open fist of the monkey, he poured a handful of rice and waited for results.
Hardly waiting for Frank and Ali, his Number One boy, to get out of the way, and paying entirely no attention to the cameras on a platform less than forty feet from them, the greedy little rascal hronged around the nuts. Soon one of them found the rice inside and dived into the nut get at the grains of rice.
Alas! The hole in the nut wasn't big enough to allow the closed fist of the monk to come out again and it didn't enter a single monkey brain that the handul of rice might be a cheap price to pay for freedom. Hanging on to their spoils and chattering and swearing in a way that would do credit to any dock-walloper, Frank and his boys gathered them in until they had all that they wanted. Frank says that there is an old Malayan proverb to the effect that 'most ill-luck comes through the stomach-and that doesn't only go in the jungles.
All monkeys aren't as easy to handle as the spec tacled langurs. The chimpanzee in "Wild Cargo" is tough enough to handle any half-dozen men in a rough and tumble battle and his powerful jaws can crack a man's arm with ease. It was a chimp that gave Frank one of his greatest thrills many years ago. The animal in question was part of shipment that he was bringing home across the Pacific and the cage in which he was confined was a little too small to allow him to get the requisite exercise. With the help of the ship's carpenter who had been assigned to help him with his 'car go,' Frank decided to take the brute out of the cage and put him on a collar and chain.
Chips, the carpenter, was somewhat of a bully,


## Spotted Leopard

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11. HE leopard, most graceful and beautiful of the cat tribe, is a real jungle bad-man. Three varieties of these cats are found in the Malayan jungles and one is usually a little worse than the other, but it doesn't really matter much in which order you place them. Any leopard will tackle most anything up to twice its weight and usually cone it with a full grown tiger in a free forll wiod as ge the low and good as he go. Whe leopard depends la his razrer bur her lackles a larger anmal, but he is pown wh his ang jar sur wing of his strong jaws.

The three varieties of leopards are the spotted, as shown in the photograph, the black, and the
clouded. I consider the black leopard the tough est of his kind, in fact, pound for pound, he i without question the most ferocious wild animal in the world. While the spotted leopards are foun practically all over Asia and Africa, and the black leopards ao cover Aidory more prevalent in Malaya than elsewhere, hart of the Maly Pe. par or Malayan Peris a is, in my op "Win, he most beautur of all the leopards. In Wha Gargo I managed to secure remarkably fine specimen of this splendid cat by shooting a limb off from under it away up in the top of a jungle tree, while my boys held a net in which the leopard fell when the limb was broken by the bullets from my rifle.


wn breed, the King Cobra is eternally at war His immense size and deadly venom make him the most dreaded inhabitant of the jungle world. He grows to a length of fifteen to twenty feet and atacks everything and everybody that crosses his path. More than that, if you don't happen to ross it, he will come looking for you. The Russell viper is one of the world's deadliest snakes and due to his coloring one of the hardest to avoid.
There are several other types of venomous reptiles hat take an immense yearly toll of lives through. out the East, chief among them the little karait, a iny little fellow less than a foot in length but with almost certain death in his bite. The black, spiting cobra is the most venomous of his breed, pound for pound and because of his exceptionally

Full grown Indian tusker moving logs for the elephan raal.

large supply of venom he can spit his poison a distance of twelve feet or so and any drop of this venom striking an exposed nerve results in certain death.
Unlike the cobras and vipers the python does not kill by poison but by constriction and though ui doubtedly many have been and are killed year by these huge snakes, they will not readily atta human beings and are not dreaded by the native to anything like the extent that the poisonous rep. tiles are feared.
Probably the nearest and closest that Death has come to Frank Buck was due to a King Cobra and come to Frank Buck was due to a King Cobra and
took place during the filming of "Wild Cargo." The picture was taken and the whole company had relaxed and settled down to enjoy the feeling that comes when a tough job has been well done. It was Sunday afternoon and the camp pets had furnished a regular circus. The little honey bear, nicknamed 'Jim Londos' by the boys, had just taken a decision from 'Strangler Lewis,' the golden gibbon who made more fuss about it than all the wrestlers in the world. Barnacle Bill, the pig. tailed rhesus monkey, had been coaxed out of the sulks that always resulted when anybody else around the camp got any attention and the camp pest, a pelican who possessed an unending appetite had been satisfied for ten minutes at least.
In spite of the fact that the deadliest members of the fang and claw world were caged in that little compound the scene was as peaceful as a farmyard in Texas towards the close of an early summer day. Strolling around the cages, Frank saw that the big King Cobra was still caged in the wicker basket in which he had been placed immediately after capture.
A cobra needs quite a lot of attention or his skin will become infected from the muck and slime that accumulates at the bottom of this type of container. In addition, he was too big for the basket,


## A Fight to the Finish

I OU may remember the scene of this photo graph as it appeared in my motion picture "Bring 'Em Back Alive." The crocodile, a full grown bul croc of the type that annually kills hundreds of natives in the fords, in the drinking and washing places, and along the rivers of Borneo, Sumatra India and other Asiatic countries, had taken up his home in a pool not far from our camp. Man of the jungle denizens used the same water hole and the crocodile evidently resented the intrusion, when he picked on the python who is as some real trouble for himself
The great snake was too fast and too powerful for the saurian who had little chance to use his powerful jaws before the great python had managed to get at least two coils around him. To most an animal the croc's tail is a dreaded weapo which he can knock even a fair-sized bullock off
his feet, but the snake managed to keep his body coiled around the head, neck and middle part of the croc, so that the powerful swinging blows of the croc's tail had no effect upon him. The big snake's opportunity came when the croc swung his head sideways in an attempt to get one of the python's coils into his powerful jaws. It was the spot the reptile was waiting for, and before the rocodile could draw back, the snake had turned around his nose and bent his head back until his eck broke, as the picture shows.
This was an unusual battle, as these two group do not often come in contact with each other, but when they do it's a real battle. However, with thi normous python (he was nearly twenty-eight fee ong the fact, with a pyow jus in who care to mix it usually regret it.

for seventeen feet of cobra takes up quite a lot of room. Over to one side was the big box with the glass top that had been built specially to hold the reptile
Calling Ali, the Number One boy, Frank found that he had left the compound to take care of several other matters. For a moment, he considered waiting until Ali returned, then, not expecting any difficulty, he called the other two Malay boys and told them that they were going to shift the cobra. The proceeding was simple enough and none of them were particularly worried about the problem. The lid was taken off the big box and placed in a position where it could be quickly picked up and slipped on over the snake after it had been tipped slipped on over the snake after the boys went for
out of one of the been clean sand and water to put in the new cage and

Ahmed picked up the cobra basket and started owards Frank Buck who stood behind the box in a sort of dead-end corridor made by the side of he shed and a pile of empty tiger-crates. On one side, the glass lid of the box closed the space beween the tiger crates and the new cage, leaving about a four foot opening on the right hand side Ahmed picked up the basket and took about three steps in Frank's direction when a look of ghastly fear spread over his face and he yelled to Frank. It was too late to do any good. The bottom of the basket had rotted away and the big snake was tumbling through. Ahmed jumped backwards as the last bit of the basket tore away and seventeen feet of furious king cobra lay writhing on the ground with a third of its length blocking the only avenue of escape for Frank Buck
In less than ten seconds both of the Malay boys were out of sight and the huge snake, with head reared almost two feet from the ground, gazed around looking for trouble and hoping that he around looking for trouble and hoping that he
would find it. Knowing that he was closer to a wourrible death than he had ever been in his whole life, Frank backed slowly away from the maddened reptile who, with hood spread and hatred glaring reptile who, with hood spread and hatred glaring
in its eyes, raised inch after inch of its body from the ground as it glided slowly towards him.
Frank backed slowly away. The cobra struck, and leaping further back, Frank found the hard wood of the shed against his shoulders. The snake's hood sank nearer to the floor as it glided forward to within striking distance and Frank knew that he must move quickly if he ever hoped to move at all-again.
Snatching his heavy canvas jacket from his shoul ders he spread it in front of him, keeping his hands and arms still within the sleeves. As the cobra' head arose for the strike, Frank fell forward to meet him with the jacket spread before him. He felt the thud of the cobra's head against the tight ened canvas of the jacket and could feel its squirm

## Crating A Captured Python

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IHE python in the photograph escaped in our "Wild Cargo" camp, and when discovered by one of my Malayan boys was just about to attack my pet honey-bear. I quickly mustered all of the Malayans in camp and we finally managed to get the gigantic reptile back in his cage. Just as Ali and I were getting the last of him in, the camera man had snapped this picture. I had to throw a rope over him. Then I grabbed him by the back of the neck while several of the boys held his body, and we stuffed him back in the box
The python is a non-poisonous constrictor that ttains a length of twenty-five feet or more. They are capable of killing any animal of the jungle with the exception of the elephant and tiger, but they are usually harmless enough if left alone. My most serious encounter with the python during
my "Wild Cargo" expedition occurred when 1 reached into a brush back of a mouse-deer trap where a python was coiled. Before I knew it he had grabbed my arm and immediately began to coil his body around me. Ali started hacking at him with his jungle knife, but the boy wasn't having much effect as the snake's hide was too tough. As soon as I could get my right hand free I got my revolver out and just as the big reptile was getting a coil over my shoulder I managed to get two bullets into his head and shook him off. Then it took four more bullets to kill him. Ali and I went back to camp where we got out a pair of tweezers and spent the next two hours pulling loose python teeth out of my arm; but as a python has no poisonous fangs there were no bad after effects and within a week or ten days the injury had completely healed.


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ing length as it writhed on the ground beneath him
Suddenly something struck him in the side. Then again and again. His heart stood still for he thought that the reptile's head must be loose. Then he realized that it was the snake's tail that was hitting him in the ribs. He called loudly for the Malay boys but they were a mile or so away by then and it was to one of the unsung heroes of the expedition that the story really owes its happ ending.
A Chinese boy, employed around the camp in some menial position or other, heard Frank' shouts and hurried to the scene

Ge dow on the ground and get hold of him be hind the head," Frank yelled at him.

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The Chinese boys face went pale. Then, tight ened his lips he threw himself down on the ground beside Frank and keeping his hand outside the canvas, started to feel around for the head of the snake. Frank had recovered a lot of his usual calm ness and by now had a pretty good idea of how the snake was lying. His head came just a little below Frank's shoulders and as he lifted up a little, being careful to keep his full weight on the rest of the body, the boy was able to get a firm hold hehind the reptile's head. Keeping his knee on the snake's body Frank rolled him up in the coal and dumped the whole shooting match into the new cage.
That's how you spend Sundays when you get in he wild animal business.

Among the other public enemies of the jungle the particular deadiness of any one example depends pretty well upon the individual. There are numerous well-founded stories about rogue elephants who have laid waste thousands of ruppees' worth of rice and paddy fields, who have wrecked whole villages and more than once taken heavy toll in actual lives, but these stories are more than balanced by the fact that the elephant on the whole is the best natured of beasts and is responsible, to a remarkable extent, for many of the most modern mprovements in India today.
It is rather wonderful to think that it was due to hese same elephants that the ancient architectural splendors of India, Persia and Carthage had their splendors of India, Persia and Carthage had their
being. It was the skill and patience of these huge, being. It was the skill and patience of these huge, docile brutes that tugged and hauled the thousands
of tons of stone and timber that went into their of tons of stone and timber that went into their
ancient edifices and today it is this same elephant that tugs the ties for the sensational railroad developments going forward in India today, and it is due to this same patience of theirs that most of he roads in India have their being.
The tiger, on his record, must be given the palm is the toughest and fiercest member of the animal


## Mouse Deer

$\prod$ HE mouse deer is the smallest of the deer family. It is a "pygmy deer" in every sense of the word, as it never attains a height of more than ten inches and weighs about four or five pounds when fully grown. Its legs are no bigger than a lead pencil and its tiny cloven hoofs are about the size of a dime. These little deer are my favorites among all the Asiatic animals that I have captured and handled. They are very plentiful in the Malayan ungles and the natives relish them as food, but I don't like to see them eaten. While in the jungles

1 often run across traps that the Malayans have set for them and have invariably destroyed these traps. It was while in the act of breaking up such a trap that I was attacked by the python referred to on another page of this book. I had a few of them around my "Wild Cargo" camp as pets and one of the females gave birth to a tiny fawn. The little fellow, as you can see in the photograph, is perfect in every detail-just a miniature deer. My pet gibbon was almost as interested as I was in the camp baby.

kingdom. Frank Buck casts his vote for the tiger in preference to the lion as being the actual 'King of Beasts' and as the two animals are extremely rarely found in the same locale there is little likelihood of the question being settled more accurately. Few tigers are man-eaters and those that finally take to that type of hunting are usually somewhat old and decrepit, however, they seem to make up in cunning, what they lack in strength and there are several authenticated instances where a man-
killer has taken thirty-five or more victims before killer has taken thirty-five or more
justice finally caught up with him.
One of the toughest assignments Frank ever received concerns a comparatively harmless member of the Malayan bird family. One of the American zoos wanted a cassowary, a bird somewhat similar to the ostrich and so extremely fast when it gets
going, that it is very hard to capture alive and in good condition.
After several unsuccessful attempts Frank re membered that as a boy in Texas he had acquired some skill with the bolas, the South American weapon consisting of three strands of rope, two of them being about three and a half feet long and the other about five, all of them having leaden weights at one end. Their other ends are knotted together and when properly thrown the weapon wraps itself around the legs of the victim and de livers him or her all tied up and ready for ship. ping.
Some of his old time skill had vanished but after about half a day of trying, Frank managed to get three excellent specimens all of whom came back to the United States as part of his "Wild Cargo." Another member of the "Wild Cargo" caused more than a little trepidation around the Frank Buck Compound. For many years Frank had a stand Rhino The rhine, Lous Zoo fr mate Indian where in this ho, animals and there are anly few in capt of wild these all females. The St. Louis Zop wanted male and when Frank heard that there was a young male to be had in the country to the South We of Nepal he moved lock, stock and barel in of Ne of making a capture
The rhino is a peculiar sort of an animal. Even when a comparative youngster of two years old, a healthy male weighs in the neighborhood of two tons, and all of that two tons is animated by about the worst temper in the whole animal kingdom. At the expense of much valuable time, for the rainy season, the curse of all semi-tropical adventures, was close at hand, Frank set his native boys to the task of constructing a huge rope net in which he hoped to entangle the rhino. Frank tells you the story elsewhere in this book and those who saw "Wild Cargo" will realize how lucky the St. Louis


## Great Indian Rhinoceros

IT HE Indian rhinoceros is the rarest of Asiatic big-game, and is the largest of all the rhinoceros big-game, and is the largest of all the rhinoceros
family, which constitutes about five distinct varieties. When full grown the male Indian rhino will weigh five tons or more. The little fellow in the picture is a youngster, about three years old, weighing about two tons. It is the first male of this variety that has ever been brought to America For years I had a sing Louis Zoo for one these male rhinos, but had never been able to capture one. Every year they are becoming rarer and rarer. They were fairly plentiful once throughout Bengal and most of Northern India, but now they have become almost extinct. The few remaining specimens are to be found in Nepal or near the border of that country found in Nepal or in India.

If left alone the Indian rhino is harmless enough as are most animals of the jungle, but unfortunately he is the possessor of a very bad temper and if you bother him or get too close to him he is ready for an argument anytime. His capture is shown in my motion picture "Wild Cargo," and if you have seen the picture you will agree with me that it was no easy task. If he had been a full grown male we should never have been able to manage him. As it was he was far too tough for twenty-five or thirty native boys, my Number One boy Ali, and myself, and if he hadn't fallen into a water hole after he had ripped our net to pieces, he would still be in the jungle instead of at the St. Louis Zoo.



Zoo really is in having the rare animal in their collection
Although Frank Buck is an excellent shot he rarely uses his skill during working hours. In "Wild Cargo" there was a sequence showing about the most interesting moment occasioned by his rifle wizardry. Among the other animals on the order were a pair of clouded leopards and though Frank knew that they were to be taken in the Malayan jungles, they are by far the rarest of the leopard family and for this reason alone, extremely hard to catch.

One of the pair was caught in the regular manner but the male defied every wile that was brought to bear upon him. Finally Frank took the matter in hand. The animal was cornered in the top of a

This is one baby tiger that
will never grove up into a man eater.

large tree and Frank shot the bough out from be neath him.
This sounds like a tall order on the surface but when you use soft nosed, expanding bullets and know where you are placing them it doesn't take many to saw through a four or five inch limb. A half dozen or so of native boys were holding a steel net in which to break the animal's fall and before he got through with the shock of landing he was all wrapped up in the steel coils and ready to be placed in the cage with his mate
In "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Frank had occasion to use his rifle. A tiger was driven almost into the center of a native village and Frank dropped him in his tracks only a few feat away from a crawling native baby.
Another ingenious method used to capture trophie for his "Wild Cargo" resslted in the taking of several flying foxes who look like nothing more than the popular conception of vampire bats Frank had several of his native boys, working in pairs, carrying poles between them across which nets had been strung, walk up to the trees in which the desired haul was sleeping. Clapping his hands Frank walked under the tree and whole armies of startled animals soared into the sky with enough of them striking and getting entangled in the net to make a worthwhile haul.
Catching wild animals isn't dangerous according to Frank Buck if the catcher is careful
"The man who isn't careful is killed," says Frank and the records seem to bear him out
In the filming of the two motion pictures, just about typical of any other two expeditions upon about typical of any other two expeditions upon
which he has been, Frank has been wounded or injured many times. A brief summation of his injured many times. A brief summation of his has been mauled by a rhinoceros, bitten by a hone bear, bitten by a lynx, scratched by a leopard


A Man-Eating Tiger Trap

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NE of the most important wild animal order that I had when I went out on my 'Wild Cargo" expedition was for a real bona fide man-eating tiger. As a rule only an aged and infirm tiger takes to the man-eating habit, but occasionally owing to a scarcity of natural food or for some other reason, a fine specimen in the prime of life will take to man-eating. The animal captured to biggest and finest tigers that I have ever captured. He was taken on a rubber plantation belonging the Sultan of Johore, where he had attacked to eaten a coolie the night before We found his pug-marks in the soft mud alongside of the log fence shown in the picture and we dug a pit which we hoped would be deep enough to hold any tiger that fell into it. We made a hole in the fence, for a tiger will always follow the line of least resistance, and if he can go through a hole instead of jumping over the fence he will invariably do it. Then we dug a pit directly underneath the hole about twelve feet deep and in such a position that when the tiger leaped through the
hole he would land on the brush and leaves which camouflaged the top of the pit.
Well, we caught our tiger all right, but he was such a big fellow that every jump he made almost brought him clear to the top of the pit. Luckily about a foot and a half of water and soft mud had collected at the bottom of the pit, which made the footing so slippery and uncertain that he was hampered in his jumping. I finally managed to lasso him from the top of the pit. Then while sev eral of my boys held the rope tight, keeping his head up from the bottom, I caught several ropes while my boys held him in midair, I got down in the pit beneath him and guided him into a box which we had prepared for him. He weighed nearly five hundred pounds and it was a tremendous job to haul the box with the tiger inside of it up out of the pit, but we finally managed to get it out. Then we lashed carrying poles to the box and eight boys put their shoulders to the poles and we carried him away to serve a life sentence for we carried him away to serve a life sentence for



Frank left that part of the expedition until almost last. It involved the construction of a kraal and runway and the entire co-operation of the native village. After much haggling the arrangements were made and the buffalo herds were rounded up. Luck was with Frank once again and the buf. falo calf had grown into a fine young bull. However, finding the white buffalo and catching him were two different matters as Frank was soon to find out.
A kraal was built and the host of native beaters began to move the massed herds in the general direction of the runway to the kraal. At first all seemed to be going well. The different groups moved gently along and though scattered bulls

Hornbill Toucan, a bird common to the Malayan penin.
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and cows broke away through the beaters the big white youngster kept in the center of the herd and moved slowly towards the twin fences of logs that lead to the enclosure.
Frank still doesn't know what started the stampede but stampede they did and instead of rushing through the runway into the kraal prepared for them they tore through the brush of the partially cleared jungle towards the street of the little native vill that gave him faitly little hill that gave him a fairly good view of the surrounding country and he saw what was about to happen.
Most of the villagers were taking part in the drive but there were some old people and babies still in the rickety huts. Tearing through the streets, Frank and Ali managed to get them out of their thatched dwellings before the thundering hoofs of the herd tore through the walls of the three or four huts on the outskirts of the village.
As if this was all that they wanted to do the herd turned back and circled around the hill towards the beaters who were still pushing steadily toward the kraal. The Buck luck held again. The whole herd, led by a coople of old bulls with the white $f$ wo-yed an a sed of the runway, hesitated a moment, and then wooped in a body into the $\log$ enclosure
The rest was easy. Ali had brought a regular Texan lassoo among the stores and Frank sat on the corner post of the kraal while the natives drove the cattle around in a milling circle until he could drop a noose over the white youngster's head and start him on his road to America.


## A Full Grown Male Tiger

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particutar tiger was photographed during the "Bring 'Em Back Alive" expedition after he had valiantly tried to make a meal out of the baby elephant that we caught in that picture. He is a beautiful specimen of the full grown male tiger and is strong and tough enough to lick any thing in the jungle with the exception of a mad elephant-a sensible elephant doesn't bother any thing that leaves him alone.
This particular tiger was not a man-eater and it is seldom that a fine brute such as this one has recourse to human flesh. Usually, it is only the old and toothless ones that prey on the defenseless natives, though occasionally a healthy speci-
men will accidentally get the taste of human blood nd acquire a taste that leaves a trail of death behind him until he meets his inevitable fate. After (wenty-five years of animal catching I think I can safely say that no healthy, normal animal ever becomes a man-eater and that the tiger earning uch a name is truly a degenerate.
However, once a tiger has tasted human blood it is never satisfied with any other food and knowing that, the natives hunt them relentlessly though sually without much hope of success. It has been good fortune to be able itude from the thankful natives.


The "Wild Cargo" was almost collected. One by one, these strange items were ticked off the list until the job was finished and a host of new members for American zoos were ready for their members for American zoos were ready for their long
trip to the United States. There were many others trip to the United States. There were many others
besides these few that we have been able to tell besides these few that we have been able to tell
you about, clouded leopards, a giant Malayan ou about, clouded leopards, a giant Malayan apir, several pythons, snakes, monkeys and birds and to cap the list, the man-eating tiger of Jahore elsewhere in these pages.
It was a strange argosy and sounds a stranger one when, in the comfort of a warm room, a crackling
pen fire and a cozy chair, you listen to Frank tell his own story. These animals are friends of his. He feels that he knows them. Most of them are pretty good fellows and when one of their number oes bad, he doesn't hold it against the rest. I hink that deep in his heart Frank is sorry each time that the door of one of his traps closes behind some new jungle capture, but a job is a job and must be done whether it lies in the busy cities of the civilized world or in the death-filled jungles of its wildest corners.

Frank has said many times that while he owes most of the high spots in his thrill-filled life to the big, bad men of the jungle, it is for the little and the harmless that he feels the greatest regard. To the hittle camp pets who have whiled away so many dreary hours and helped to make the jungle's steaming heat bearable goes a lot of the credit for making the two remarkable motion pictures. Percy, the silver gibbon of "Bring 'Em Back Alive" and 'Strangler Lewis and Jim Londos' better known in he jungle as a honey bear and a golden gibbon monkey, deserve screen credit along with Frank and his intrepid cameramen.
One of the little camp pets was a particular pal of Frank's during the filming of "Wild Cargo". It was a full-grown female mouse deer and though it was a healthy specimen of its kind it only stood about ten inches high and weighed maybe a little more than four pounds. Frank had taken her out fo native trap, for they are much esteen ain few daghout the whole of Ma life among the other pets.

Shortly after her capture, Frank realized that she was about to give birth and the whole expedition awaited the great event with terrific interest for

## Robber or Land Crab

【HIS robber crab was taken from a resting place which it had confiscated on my cot in a templace which it had confiscated on my cotin "Wild
porary camp we had made while screening "Will Cargo." I had been inland to capture some giganic bats, or flying foxes as they are called, and on ic bats, or hal a huilt as a selter for a couple of nights, we found he whole place literally carpeted with these huge the whole place literally carpeted with these huge land crabs. They are about ten inches across the inches, and lobster-like claws capable of snipping ff one's finger with ease, to say nothing of man dibles that could bite through a tough leather boot. Unlike ordinary ocean crabs, they scour the jungle for ford and often destroy such animals and fowl
as they can sneak up on. It is also stated that they have been known to eat human beings when they have found natives sick or wounded and unable to get out of their way during their migration when they travel in thousands. This, however, I have never been able to confirm. They were evidently attracted to our camp by the smell of food. The boys and I soon dispatched them and moved our shelter to a more secure location.

These giant crabs are also tree climbers. I have observed them in empty birds' nests high up in jungle trees with broken egg shells or the remains of fledglings scattered about them. This is probably why the natives call them robber crabs


almost any little thing can become of great imporlance when you are miles away from civilization and getting tired of your own company. When the baby came he was a perfect little deer-no joke intended and stood about four inches high on eetering tiny legs little thicker than match sticks
He could stand very easily on Frank's open palm and, in spite of his smallness, was a perfect deer in every sense of the word.
When the expedition arrived at the coast and pre pared to crate and ship the captives it was found that the mouse deer would have to be left behind for according to the Port Authorities they are germ

Frank Buck menaced by the
escaped King Cobra during
the filming of "Wild Cargo.

arriers and even if they had been shipped from the East they would have been denied entrance to he United States. With that exception the whole gueer medley of birds, beasts and reptiles was scurely packed and crated for stowing in the awning holds of the two foig who were to bing them to their new abode
lost of the smaller animals and birds were shipped on the S.S. Tweedbank, the rest, including the now famous Indian Rhinoceros, followed on the S.S. Steel Navigator. Ali, Frank's Number One boy, or to give him his full name, Ali Bim Bahojo, the proper care. Frank himself, came ahead of them and went down to the Staten Island pier to see his faithful follower arrive with their greatest single trophy. Rope slings soon had the big cage out on the dock and a crowd of ship reporters hovered around, eager to welcome the first male Indian rhino that had ever been brought to capfivity. He was strong and healthy enough and in a few hours was happily packed up with a bale of hay or so and on his way to the St. Louis Zoo in a specially heated box-car.
What a thrill packed life this gathering of wild nimals must be. We who stay at home and follow he well-appointed round of our daily lives can that is ever changing, iob that may take Frank hat is ever changing, a jold where even he has Beker a cond of ho wher the never been and lay berfe his eyes new if he happen to have his cameras along and bring them back 'alive' for us.


