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THE GORILLA.

In Dickens' All the Year Round we find the following description of this animal, which is said to be more closely allied, in structure, to the human form, of any of the brute creation.

The gorilla forms of the average height of man, five feet six inches; his brain case is low and narrow, and as the fore part of the skull is broad, and there is a very prominent ridge above the eyes, the top of the head is perfectly level in the middle of the forehead, and forms a scowling pout-house over the eyes.

Coupled with this deep-colored skin, much wrinkled, a prominent jaw with the canine teeth in the middle of the upper jaw, and a capacious chest, and we have an exaggeration of the lowest and most forbidding type of human physiognomy. The neck is short, the head projects forward. The relative proportions of the gorilla's limbs are very unequal; they are of more ungainly aspect than in any other of the brute kind. Long stipes are arms, thick and muscular, with scarce any indication of the delicate nature of wrist (for at the smallest they are fourteen inches round, while a strong man's is not above eight); a wide, thick hand, the palm long, and the fingers short, and the ungainly looking, capacious chest, broad shoulders, thick and shapely, destitute of call, and very muscular, yet short; a hand-like foot, with a power of grasp. No wonder the gorilla attracts the attention of the hunter, and is so much hunted by his malicious cunning, activity, and strength.

The teeth indicate a vegetable diet, but the repast is sometimes varied with eggs, or a brood of young birds. The chief reason for the hostility to the elephant is, that he perceives the elephant helping himself to the delicacies, he steals along the bush, and, striking its sensitive proboscis a violent blow with the club with which he is almost always armed, drives off the startled giant, transporting shrilly with rage and pain.

Towards the negroes, the gorilla seems to cherish an implacable hatred; he attacks them quite unprovoked, and has been seen to approach unconsciously within range of a tree haunted by one of these wood demons—swinging rapidly down to the lower branches, he seizes the trunk, and then the elephant is driven off, his green eyes flash with rage, his ears stand up and down, and the skin above the eyes, drawn rapidly up and down, gives him a ghastly appearance. Sometimes, during the excitement in quest of a tree, he has been seen to drop from a tree, while his strong arms grasp it firmly, stretches down his huge hand, seizes the hapless wretch by the throat, and, as his straggle has ceased, drops him down a tangled copse.

A tree is the gorilla's sleeping place by night; his pleasant abode by day, and his castle of defence. Of course the gorilla has advantage he waits his foe, should the latter be hardy or foolishly come to pursue. No full grown gorilla has ever been taken alive. A bold negro, the first of an elephant hunting expedition, was offered a hundred dollars for a live gorilla. "If you gave me the weight of yonder hill in gold, I could not do it," he said.

The gorilla, he has his good qualities—in a domestic point of view; he is an amiable and exemplary husband and father, watching over his young family with affectionate solicitude, and acting in their behalf with strength and ferocity. The mothers show that devotion to their young in time of danger, which is the most universal of instincts.

The gorilla constructs himself a snug hammock out of the long, tough, slender stems of parasitic plants, and lines it with the broad fringes of palms, or with long grass—a sort of bed, surely not to be compared with the leafy branches of a tree. By day he hangs on a bough leaning his back against the trunk owing to which habit, elderly gorillas become rather bald in those regions.

KANSAS AND THE NEGRO.—The Constitutional Convention of Kansas has completed their work. It seems there was one in favor of ranking Kansas as a slave holding State. Of course the Kansas vote in the Union she will continue a free State, though the Constitution will prohibit negroes from voting or holding office, &c. So the Republic of Kansas, who so long profess their love for the rights of man, have agreed to let the negro free there, but have deliberately decided that he must not enjoy political rights. However, the branch of the sameness that abhors for universal negroes, complete emancipation for the negro. As has provided an offset in our Constitution. If a white man, who happens to have been born in a foreign land, comes here, he cannot vote by a twelvemonth so soon as the negro can vote, who comes from Kansas, where he cannot vote at all! (Great is the Diana of Black Republicanism! Great is the practice of the doctrines of freedom and equality! In Massachusetts it shouts for complete emancipation of the negro, and disfranchises foreign white men in Kansas it shouts for freedom and dooms the free negroes within its limits to Boston Free Press.

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