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Synopsis

In the following pages I give an account of some of my experiences with the big game of Northern Rhodesia (or South Central Africa). Although the book is mainly about shooting in that country, I have also included a few chapters on sport and travel in Nyasaland and Portuguese East Africa. Sporting literature on this part of Africa is not so common as that on countries such as Southern Africa, British East Africa, Uganda, Somaliland, and the Nile regions. Perhaps to many people this book may seem superfluous, as so much has already been written on African shooting; but big-game hunters, in my opinion, are always ready to read about sport in countries so little known as this part of Africa, and where they have not been themselves. Since I have lived in this country I have kept diaries of my hunting trips and shooting experiences, but I have found it very difficult to prevent repetition, for to the general reader accounts of shooting must have a sameness that may bore him. To prevent this repetition as much as possible, I have picked out the accounts of certain trips, and have not given a description of all the experiences I have had with game while in the country. I have no hairbreadth escapes to relate, although I have had a few exciting experiences, which are the interesting part of big-game shooting. The game in this country is increasing rapidly, due to stringent game regulations and preservation, and there is here a splendid field for the hunternaturalist. The free life in the bush is very fascinating to the lover of Nature in all her wild forms, and a man always longs to return to such a country, teeming with game, again and again. If these pages are of interest, or can give the slightest information to any sportsman, I shall be amply recompensed for the trouble of writing them. Their shortcomings are many; but I have written nothing that is not fact (Typographical errors above are due to OCR software and don't occur in the book.) --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Lyell's writing style does not produce a "page-turner" but even so his straight forward narration of his adventures is interesting enough. He is thoroughly knowledgeable and often discourses on the flora and fauna of the area. A good read for anyone interested in the Dark Continent.

While not exactly poorly-written, Mr Lyell's style is very scanty on interesting details and anecdotes about his travels in what are now Malwai and North-eastern Zambia regions. Also, he kind of jumps around quite a bit rather than a proper travelogue. There are far more similar but much better written and more exciting books from the early days of African big game hunting than his volume.

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