

GROUP A

Eagle tries to catch ducklings.

I forgot to tell you that yesterday an eagle came and perched on a tree not far away, trying to get a chance of catching one of the ducklings. The workers came and called me, and I got my rifle and sent a bullet close to it, and this made the eagle get up and fly away.

Hawk catches one of the fowls

Bah-wa! What a turn up of fowls flying and cackling and so on – a hawk swooped down and as I stood up, I saw it rise with a fowl dangling from its beak.

GROUP B

Leopard snatches ducks

There is a leopard visiting nightly by this moonlight. Four large ducks have disappeared and several fowls. Two nights ago I heard the leopard cry 4 times just before it had snatched the big drake and made off with it.

Leopard chases a man and William fights it by himself

Another night a man was chased by a leopard and when William went out to help him to keep it off, the ungrateful coward ran off and left William to fight with a hippo whip and call out for help as best he could.

GROUP C

Rats in the organ

Even the Organ had to be looked into, and turned on its end, and much turned out that surprised us all. Rats had been carrying in soft wrappers, leaves of magazines, medicine price lists, and what not. It was most distressing to find that fresh and large quantities of paper were drawn in between the strings, & at some parts so tightly packed that it required a pen to draw them out where the fingers failed.

Rats in the house

On Monday or Tuesday morning of this week, while at breakfast, Dr Steele called our attention to the dog listening at the desk. There were 7 rats, young and old, in one drawer. Many a time we rise to see what they are working at only to be laughed at by them as the scamper along the rafters & disappear in the thatch as in a hole just at the eaves. (There they go just now in the passage making as much noise as wee pups scampering after each other.)

GROUP D

Lion attacks villagers' house

On Thursday night a lion attacked some natives not far from here. In the hut were two women and a boy. When they saw that the lion was pulling the sticks out of the house and would soon get in to them they ran out of the house to try to get to a place of safety.

Lion chases the people

The lion pursued them, & caught & killed them all, & began to eat part of one of them.

GROUP E

Men follow a lion's tracks

Mr Henderson, Ywaia and other three lads got their guns and followed the lion's spoor for two miles or so.

The men kill the lion

Mr Henderson and Ywaia fired at the lion and wounded him and at length the lion stopped under a tree. He had already received 10 bullets. The lion roared at them & charged forward to come across the stream to them. Mr Henderson knelt down and had reloaded his rifle. Again he fired at the lion and struck him in the forehead, and the lion tumbled down dead.

GROUP F

The villagers bring in the dead lion

In the afternoon a great procession of men & children came to the station bringing the lion with them. They were singing & dancing because the lion had been killed.

The dead lion is measured

It was a large lion, so heavy that I could hardly keep one end of the pole to which it was tied on my shoulder. We measured it & found that from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail was nine feet one inch: the tail measured two feet 10 inches.