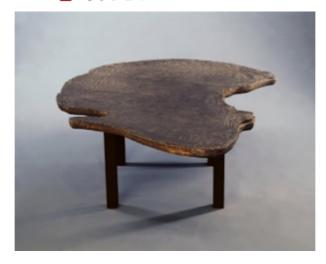
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## AN UNUSUAL AND RARE ELEPHANT EAR TABLE BY ROLAND WARD

ROLAND WARD'S PICCADILLY SHOP WAS A 'MUST SEE' IN THE LATE 19 TH CENTURY AND EARLY 20 TH CENTURY ESPECIALLY FOR ANY SPORTSMEN OF NOTE VISITING LONDON. HIS SHOP WAS KNOWN AS 'THE JUNGLE' AND BECAME A POPULAR MEETING PLACE FOR MANY OF THE WELL HEELED AND WIDELY TRAVELLED NOBILITY AND WEALTHY MEN THAT BECAME HIS CLIENTS. IN JUNE 1902 KING LEWANIKA, CHIEF OF THE BAROTSE, SPENT THE MORNING WITH THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER AND THE AFTERNOON AT ROLAND WARD'S. HE FORMED MANY OF THE MAJOR PRIVATE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS OF THE PERIOD AND FOR OVER A CENTURY WAS REGARDED AS MARKET LEADER IN QUALITY TAXIDERMY. ROLAND WARD SPECIALISED IN CONVERTING FEET, HOOVES AND EARS INTO DECORATIVE ITEMS AND USEFUL FURNITURE. HIS WORKSHOP CAREFULLY CREATED WASTE BINS FROM RHINOCEROS FEET, DOORSTOPS FROM GIRAFFE HOOVES AND DRINKS CABINETS AND TABLES SUCH AS THIS FROM ELEPHANT HIDE.