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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 .