

A KANGAROO HUNT IN WEST SURREY.—Extraordinary as it may appear, there has been a genuine kangaroo hunt this week in the vicinity of Dorking. One of these animals some four months ago escaped from the pen in which it had been confined at Wotton, the seat of Mr. W. J. Evelyn, M.P., and has been running wild in the neighbouring woods ever since, bidding defiance to several attempts to effect its capture. On Monday last, however, by Mr. Evelyn's direction, a regular hunting party was formed to accomplish this object. The clever pack of beagles kept at Wotton, with huntsman, whipper-in, and a train of followers, started at noon for Abinger-common, where the kangaroo had been seen on the previous day. Not finding him "at home" there, however, the party proceeded to the Duke of Norfolk's copses in the immediate neighbourhood. Almost immediately the extraordinary animal broke cover, evidently determined to show sport. The beagles were speedily on the scent, and off they dashed to Mr. Evelyn's wood, and then making a circle of it by returning to the copses. They then made for Abinger rectory, where a check of a few minutes threatened to spoil sport, but "Found!" "Tally-ho!" was soon the cry, and off they went again, the kangaroo once more trying the Duke's copses. Forced to abandon this his favourite spot, however, the chase got warm; and, dogs and men in close pursuit, he reached the foot of Leith-hill. Here the animal's peculiar mode of progression was exhibited in a style which astonished the field—a singular succession of leaps carrying it over the ground at a rate perfectly startling. Those who were well mounted alone were enabled to go the pace, and they speedily found themselves at the top of Leith-hill, where the kangaroo took to the road, and for about a mile and a half they all dashed along, "the field" rapidly augmenting in numbers as they proceeded in their novel chase. At last, hard pressed, the animal took refuge in a pond on High Ash Farm, Abinger, where a groom succeeded in capturing him, though not without receiving a fraternal embrace, from which his shoulder suffered for some days.