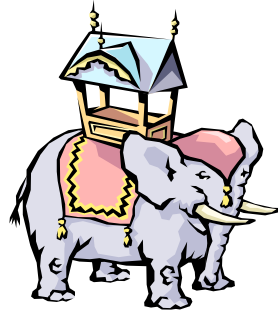


## ELEPHANT TREATISE



“A group of people meet at the National Geographic Society in London and decide that, for the next meeting, everybody has to present a treatise on the elephant. They all return the following year and present their volumes.

**The German** has a 700-page dissertation: *Beschreibung des männlichen Elephantes in Ost-Afrika. 1. Teil* (description of the male elephant of East Africa, Part I).

**The Englishman** has a small, sober, black leather-bound book entitled “Elephants I have shot”.

**The American** has an 8-page booklet in colour, “How to make bigger and better elephants”, while **the Frenchman** has a small tastefully presented book on *L'amour des éléphants* (‘The love life of elephants’).

**The Pole** presents a book called ‘The elephant and its relation to the Polish Problem’, while **the Swede** has a greyish book called *Elefanter och hur man titulerar dem* (‘Elephants and how to address them’).

**The Dane** presents a book of recipes: *Elefant på 100 måder* (‘100 ways to cook an elephant’), while **the Norwegian** has a book entitled *Norge og vi nordmænd* (‘Norway and we Norwegians’).”

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