

position. The nail of the foot is actually making the direct contact with the log while the trunk serves only as an additional support or pulling force. As the log approaches the base of the inclining logs the other member of the team will direct the front advancing end of the log in to the proper position, generally with the aid of the front foot or trunk. If the log can be rolled into position a different technique is employed by the use of the front foot or the trunk alone or the direct push with the tusks. When the tusks are used it is necessary for the elephants to walk or better crawl along on his knees. The use of the tusk is frequently used in the first operation mentioned. Regardless of just how difficult the log is placed into the loading position it is handled with apparent intelligence, particularly with several obstacles impose themselves between the loading car and the original position of the log in the loading area. With the log now in the lifting order the two elephants take their position in back of the log and by kneeling down insert the tusks under the log and then in perfect unison push the log up the inclining poles onto the flat car. They gain their upright position as the log becomes elevated in height on the poles. Once the log is on the car it must be readjusted as to linear position and is perfected by going to the end of the log and sliding it down car with the thrust of the tusk. A more solid contact is made with the hugging clasp of the trunk around the edge of the cut end. After three or four logs are placed the side rods are inserted and it now becomes necessary to elevate the log up over these confining side supports. A perfect degree of balance is required just at that moment when the log is dropped down on the other side of the rod. At this instant the two elephants work in the greatest degree of cooperation with a steadiness that is remarkable, for if one end of the log drops down before the other is in position it is liable to fowl, but rarely does this condition permit itself to occur. Only an animal with such patience could perform such an act. Smaller logs are carried directly to the car and dropped into position. This can be done wither by one or both of the