

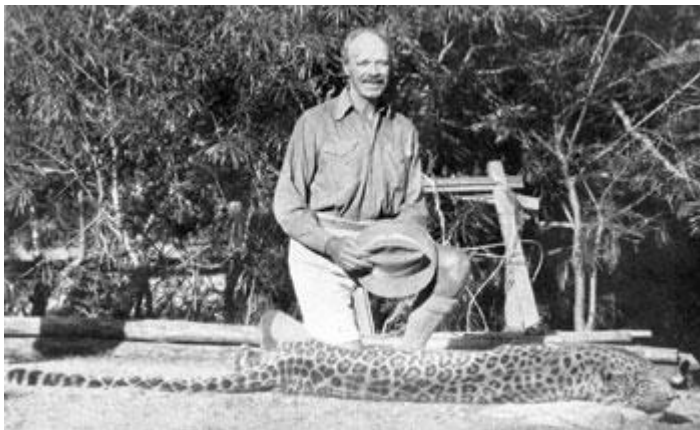
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However little faith we have in the superstitions we share with others – thirteen at a table, the passing of wine at dinner, walking under a ladder, and so on – our own private superstitions, though a source of amusement to our friends, are very real to us.

I do not know if sportsmen are more superstitious than the rest of mankind, but I do know that they take their superstitions very seriously. One of my friends invariably takes five cartridges, never more and never less, when he goes out after big game, and another as invariably takes seven cartridges. Another, who incidentally was the best known big-game sportsman in northern India, never started the winter shooting season without first killing a *mahseer*. My own private superstition concerns snakes. When after man-eaters I have a deep-rooted conviction, that, however much I try, all my efforts will be unavailing until I have first killed a snake.

Jim Corbett, The Kanda Man-eater.

Jim Corbett (Nainital, 1875 - Kenya, 1955), le plus célèbre chasseur de tigres que l'Inde ait jamais connu, devint plus tard leur protecteur. Le premier parc national du pays, Corbett National Park, porte son nom.



Corbett et le mangeur d'hommes de Rudraprayag.