

Alas! the mountain tops which look so green and fair;—

I've heard of fearful winds and darkness that come there:

The little brooks that seem all pastime and all play,  
When they are angry, roar like lions for their prey.  
Here thou need'st not dread the raven in the sky;  
He will not come to thee; our cottage is hard by.  
Night and day thou art safe as living thing can be:  
Be happy, then, and rest; what is't that aileth thee?"

WORDSWORTH.

## LESSON XVIII.

### THE DEER.

roe-buck

Bri-tain

Scot-land

grace-ful

branch-ing

ru-mi-nate

care-ful-ly

en-clo-sure

swift-est

usu-al-ly

bu-si-ness

dif-fi-cul-ty

Deer are not wild in this country; they are kept in large enclosures, usually called parks, where they are carefully preserved from dogs, who will often attack them.

The red deer, the fallow deer, and the roe-buck are found in Great Britain. The male of the red deer is called the stag; he is a beautiful animal, graceful in form, with large branching horns to adorn and defend his head; he is perhaps the swiftest for a short time of any quadruped. His food is grass, and the young branches and shoots of trees. The deer is one of that class of animals which, like the cow, ruminates or chews the cud; but this business seems to be performed