

After two long weary days and nights, they reached a forest which had not been touched by the fires, and were comforted to find there a house, where they were taken in, and kindly treated. Here they stayed some time to rest themselves after all their toils, happy to have found a place of safety at last. It is true they had lost every thing, but their own life and that of their child had been spared, and they could feel nothing but gratitude to God for their preservation.

LESSON LV.

THE BEAVER.

sur-vi-vor	ma-te-ri-al	in-ter-s-ti-ces
treat-ment	pro-jec-tion	ap-pro-pri-ate
fa-mi-li-ar	sur-round-ed	de-for-mi-ty
con-di-tion	por-ta-bie	ad-mi-ra-bly

Beavers are found chiefly in America. They belong to the rodentia or gnawing animals, and you have read of their skill in building themselves little villages to live in. An animal of this kind was brought to England in the winter of 1825, very young, being small and woolly, and without the covering of long hair which marks the full-grown beaver.

It was the sole survivor of five or six which were shipped at the same time, and it was in a very pitiable condition. Good treatment quickly restored it to health, and kindness soon made it familiar. When called by its name "Binny," it generally answered with a little cry, and came to its owner. The hearth-rug was its favourite