

where angels fear to tread. For of their sandals, angels walk unshod. The secret ways by which our sacred dead Enter, alone, the homeward path unto God. Invisibly, God breathes His living breath, Giving to life the sacrament of soul. Invisibly, He folds us each in death, Receiving back the precious portion whole. And no man's eyes may look upon these twain: These sacred trusts of life and death are His; Whose heart shall slay his brother, he is Cain; Whoso shall judge, guilty of judgment is.

ELKS?

Never was a time when the people were not compelled to fight against enemies of some kind, but their first enemy was that prehistoric monster—the Irish elk. The Irish elk roamed up and down the green fields of Ireland thousands of years ago, and there were none that dared to stand in his path. His great horns weighed seventy pounds or more, and they were often eight feet apart from tip to tip. There were three ways of destroying his enemies—he could kick them or bite them or stab them. Any one of these ways was generally enough. The Irish elk was as heavy as a small elephant, and yet he could run with the swiftness of a deer. There were few animals in the world that could either vanquish him in battle or run fast enough to escape him. If it is the strongest and the fiercest that always win in the battle of life why then are there any human beings in Ireland? Why is not Ireland a land of elks and nothing but elks? Here are a few of the reasons. You can easily think out others for yourself. The elk was all horns and no brains. While his horns weighed seventy pounds his skull only weighed five or six pounds. He was stupid and easily led into a trap. The elks did not know enough to co-operate with one another. Their motto was: "Every elk for himself." The result was that the elks' enemies picked the elks off one at a time. Every elk wanted to be the only elk in Ireland. That was the real reason why the elks died out. They would not "live and let live," so they quarreled along for a few thousand years and then became extinct. It was a clear case of race suicide. The Irish people were small, weak, little insects compared with these giant elks. Even John L. Sullivan would have to run for a tree if one of them raced in his direction. Yet the Irish people have survived, and there is nothing left of the big-horned elks except here and there a skeleton in a museum. It is plain to see that strength and fierceness are not all that is necessary to protect us in this world of conflict. All the monstrous animals that used to live on the earth have died out, but there are about a billion and a half of tiny human beings who are alive and fairly prosperous. There was the enormous ichthyosaurus, for instance, that was 1,000 times bigger than a Florida crocodile. He is gone, in spite of his mighty jaws and jagged teeth. There was the towering atlatosaurus, that was eighty feet long and thirty feet high. He had eyes as big as soup plates, and the footprints he left in the rocks are big enough to carpet a Harlem parlor, at least. On his sides he had great plates of bone armor, three feet wide; yet he is gone and millions of harmless little rabbits survive. It seems as if nature takes a notion, now and then, to make a few monstrous freaks, just to show what she can do in the line of bigness. And so we have Irish elks, ichthyosaurs, atlatosaurus, absentee landlords, gas trusts, Standard Oil Companies, and so forth. But it is the common, ordinary animals, and the common, ordinary people who live the longest in the average world.

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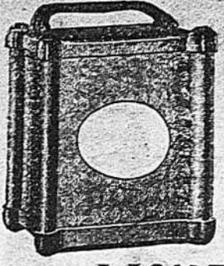
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- WEST BOUND. No. 7.—Chicago Express. 4:24 A. M. No. 5.—Wheeling Accommodation... 7:47 A. M. No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express. 7:29 P. M. No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation... 1:36 P. M. EAST BOUND. No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:25 A. M. No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M. No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:48 P. M. No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

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