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THE CAMEL.

This is an ill-shaped creature, with two humps on his back. But he is a very excellent animal for all that. He is mild, strong and patient, and is even more useful than either the cow or the horse. He is very common in Asia and Africa. The people there have a great many camels. They eat their flesh, make butter and cheese of their milk, and use them in travelling across the deserts.



THE LION.

This animal is three times as large as the largest dog. He has a big head, strong teeth, and fierce eyes. He has upon his neck a long, shaggy mane. He has four legs, and a long tail, with a bunch of hair at the end. His color is a light reddish brown.



ANGRY BULL.

I SUPPOSE you have often seen a bull; so I need not tell you much about him. He is very powerful, and when he gets angry he is dangerous.



THE DEER.

The deer is a fine-looking animal. See what large horns he has. He can run very fast. He never hurts anybody. If the dogs run after him he runs

away, if he can get away. But sometimes the dogs run faster than he can, and then the poor deer has to die.

The deer can be taught to do a great many funny things. There was one once who was taught to take a brand of fire between his teeth, and to fire a loaded cannon with it. The same deer would bow to people when they came into the room where he was, just as if he had been to school to a dancing-master. He played a great many other funny tricks, which made everybody laugh who went to see him.

I know a little girl who has a pet deer. It is quite young. It is called a fawn now. A fawn is a young deer. This fawn will come and eat out of the little girl's hands, and he will skip about and play like a lamb. He is not at all afraid of the little girl, and she loves him very much. She would feel very bad if he was to die, or if he should be killed. I should not love to see a deer shot.

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