

Goats Wiser than Men

There is among the mountains of Wales a narrow pass around a rocky point of a cliff, very difficult to cross. ^{it is related that} One day two goats were observed to be approaching each other, on opposite sides of the point of rock where the pass was so narrow that neither could turn around, much less could they pass each other, without one or the other being crowded over the cliff, & dashed upon the rocks below.

They were watched with deep interest as they unconsciously approached the curvature in the pass that hid each from the other. At length they stood ^{met} face to face on that narrow ledge with an over-hanging wall on one side & a fearful precipice on the other. What could they do? They could not pass neither could they retreat, to stay there was starvation! After standing with their heads ~~close~~ together for some time, one of them carefully lay down bracing his legs as best he could, & stretching himself at full length, when the other deliberately stepped upon his body & passed over in safety & each quietly pursued his course, to ^{the} evident relief of those who witnessed the procedure.

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In the highlands of Scotland is a dangerous pass in the form of an arch