
THE ELK AND THE REIN-DEER.

ALTHOUGH the Elk (*fig. 149.*) and the Rein-deer (*fig. 150.*) are animals of different species, we shall treat of them together, because it is scarcely possible to write the history of the one without borrowing a great deal from the other. The greatest part of ancient, and even modern authors, have confounded them, or described them by equivocal denominations which might be applied to both. The Greeks had no knowledge either of the elk or the rein-deer, for Aristotle makes no mention of them; and, among the Latins, Julius Cæsar is the first who has made use of the word *Alce*. Pausanias, who wrote above a hundred years after Julius Cæsar, is also the first Greek author who takes notice of this name of Ἀλκή; and Pliny, who was nearly cotemporary with Pausanias, has very obscurely indicated the elk and the rein-deer under the names *alce*, *machlis*, and *tarandus*. We cannot,