

carry with ease burdens of three or four thousand pounds weight ; the smallest, that is, those of Africa, lift up freely with their trunks, burdens of two hundredweight, and place them on their shoulders ; they take into their trunks a great quantity of water, which they throw out around them, at seven or eight feet distance ; they can carry a weight of a thousand pounds upon their tusks ; with their trunks they break off branches, and with their tusks they root out trees. Their strength may be judged of by their agility, comparatively to the bulk of their bodies ; they walk as fast as a horse goes on an easy trot ; and they run as fast as a horse can gallop ; which seldom happens in their wild state, except when they are provoked or frightened. The tame elephants are commonly walked ; they travel easily, and without fatigue, fifteen or twenty leagues a day ; and, when hurried, they can travel thirty-five or forty. Their steps are heard at a great distance, and they may be followed by their tracks, for the marks they leave on the ground are fifteen or eighteen inches in diameter.

A domestic elephant does, perhaps, to his master more real service than five or six horses ; but he requires much care and abundance of good food ; it is computed that he consumes to  
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