hym to some smalle brook, and whan he hathe yieldeth himself to some small brook. When he bete per inne long vpward or dounward, he abidep in be watir vndir some Rootes so that ber nys no in the water under some roots so that there is nothing ping out of pe watir saaf his houed. And some tyme be houndes and the hunters shul passe aboue hounds and the hunters shall pass above him and hym and beside that he shal not stere, for thoughh beside him without his stirring. For although he be a foltissh beest 3it he can mony cautels and he be a foolish beast, he has many ruses and treasons gynnes for to helpe hym self he renneh wondir to help himself. He runneth wondrous fast, for fast and some tyme at he partyng for his leire he when he starts from his lair he will go faster than shal ouer goo a brace of good greye houndes. a brace of good greyhounds. They haunt thick They haunten in strange hattes of wood or in coverts of wood, or thick heathes, and sometimes in strong hethys, and somtyme in Carres,1 and comonly in hie contrees or in hilles and in valeys and somtyme in playn Cuntre. Here kydes ben kyded with pomeled 2 heere as be hynde Calfes, and as an hynde calf of be first yere begynnethe to put out his heued. In the same wise he putteb out his smale brokes3 or he be xii monyth old. He is hardeled 4 but nat vndon as an hert, for he ne hathe no venyson þat men shul ley in salt, and some tyme he is zeven al to be houndes, or al or partie. Thei goon to her metyng as other beestes don in be mornyng and in be Evenynge and ban pei go to here leire pe Roo buk abidep comonly in oo Cuntre bob wynter and somer so bat he be not greued ne huntyd out perof.

hath long beaten the brook up or down he remaineth out of water save his head. And sometimes the marshes, and commonly in high countries where there are hills and valleys and sometimes in the plains.

The kids are kidded with spotted hair as are the hind calves. And as a hind's calf of the first year beginneth to put out his head, in the same wise does he put out his small spikes 3 ere he be a twelvemonth old. He is hardeled4 but not undone as a hart, for he has no venison that men should lay in salt. And sometimes he is given all to the hounds, and sometimes only a part. They go to their feeding as other beasts do, in the morning and in the evening, and then they go to their lair. The roebuck remains commonly in the same country both winter and summer if he be not harried or hunted out thereof.

Middle English Carres or Ker, marshy ground (Stratmann). G. d. F., p. 40, says, ajoncs, rushes.
Spotted, from the old French pomelé.
See Appendix: Roe.
See Appendix: Hardel.

