ANTLER—*continued*

"The thing that beareth the Antliers, Royals, and Toppes ought to be called the beame, and the little clyftes or streakes therein are called gutters."

Tyndes, O. Fr. for bunch or group of things, hence used for top tines. *Broche*, O. Fr. for dagger or spike, *brochet*, a spur, hence braches for young stag's spikes.

"You must understand that if you geld an hart before he have an head, he will never beare head. And on that other side, if you geld him when he hath his head or antlier, he will never cast or mewe it. In like manner if you geld him when he hath a velvet head, for it will remaine so always and neither fray or burnish. This giveth us to understand that there is great vertue in the stones, for through their occasion oftentimes many men which beare heads of a goodly beame, do not alone mewe nor cast them. When the harts have mewed or cast their heads, they begin then to withdraw themselves and to hastain them to the thicket, hyding themselves in some place where there is some good food, to the end they may grow in strength of some fold, to the end they may grow in strength of wheat, oates or such like. And you shall see that young harts do grow bolder, frequenting little the thickets, untill they be of seven yeares old, which is to their perfect age, and then they grow to judged heads, and then they grow to judged heads, which is to their perfect age, and then they grow to judged heads, which is to their perfect age, and then they grow to judged heads, which is to their perfect age