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## December at the Ocean's Crest

Under the twelfth moon the sea is lugging  
snows of foam that drop and slide,  
each roll of froth a chilled shore hugging.

Not the summer linen moon but  
the winter wool, rough light threaded  
through clouds showing its wet luster

longer than the sun, and seems with  
the sea, on the edge of the end.  
Neither rests! Two prodigious

bodies laboring in heaves and sighs  
offering the heavy wisdom  
of ocean, and of night.

*Clifford Paul Fetters*

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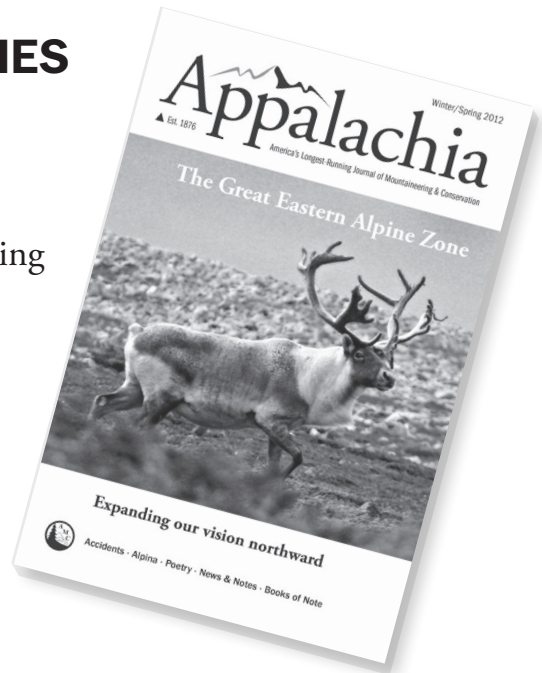
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