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Where is the fox now?  
Somewhere, doing his life's work, which is  
    living his life.  
How many more foxes has he made for the earth?  
Many, many.  
How many rabbits has he caught so far?  
Many, many, many.  
This doesn't sound very important.  
What's of importance? Scalping mountains or  
    fishing for oil?  
I would argue with you about that.  
Ah, you have never heard of the meek and what is  
    to become of them?  
What's meek about eating rabbits?  
It's better than what's happening to the  
    mountains and the ocean.  
You know, there's only one thing to say. I think  
    you're a little crazy.  
I thank the Lord.

*Mary Oliver*

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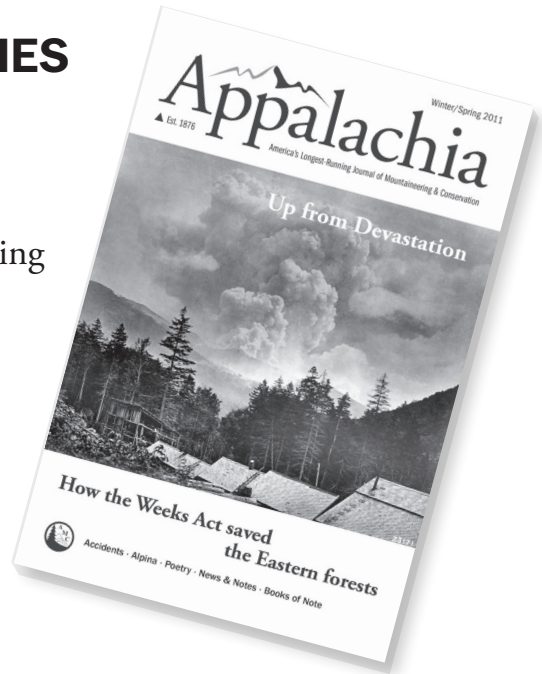
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