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Trace

There are ticks in Australia and Texas whose bite
makes a person allergic to meat
while, clearly, the tick has no such difficulty.

Long-lived whales have been found with
wounds from the last century,
ivory harpoon tips broken off under
their callosity-covered skins.

After his explorations in the Libyan desert,
years trudging through a Martian landscape,
Bagnold wrote about the physics of sand
and now has dunes on Mars named after him.

Your trail is like this.
On the tip of an iceberg
a snowman.

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