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Good children if you take heed,
And learn your lesson well;
This little history you shall read:
When you have learnt to spell.

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HEN & CHICKENS.



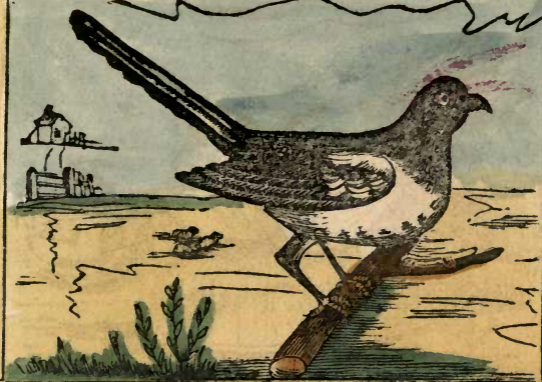
See what a present aunt has brought!

O! such a pretty hen;

And underneath her wings she's got

Chickens nine or ten.

MAGPIE.



Mag she's always on the clatter,

When absent from her nest,

When nobody knows what is the matter;

She cannot be at rest.

BIRD OF PARADISE.



This bird is beautiful to behold,
It is sometimes seen but rare;
Its purple train its breast of gold,
Attract the wondering fair.

DUCKS.



Tis pretty to see the duck on the lake,
On the water himself he enjoys,
So clean and neat himself he does keep;
He is a pattern to all little boys.

PARROT.



I asked miss polly who her mistress was;

She said she believ'd it was Sarah,

I asked her then from where she came,

She said she believed demerara.

PARTRIDGES.



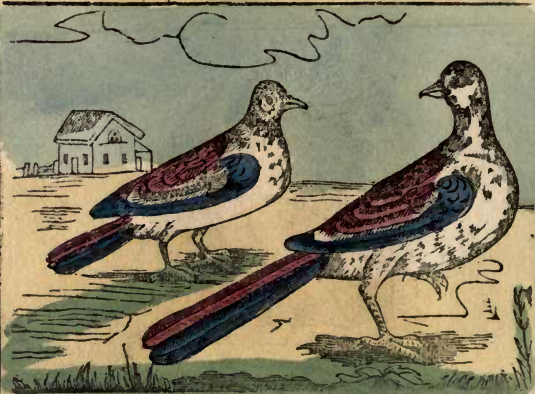
How handsomely mottled the partridges is,

They are beauties I do declare:

On the fruits of the field they constantly live,

They dwell in the wide open air.

DOVES.



These doves I do wish they were mine,
I would bless their return on each day:
If they flew away I should repine,
I should constantly wish them to stay.

OWL.



Soon as the midnight hour prevails;
The owl he soars afar,
He wanders through the wood and dale:
Lit by the twinkling stars.

PELICAN.



The pelican he rides the wave,
To catch his prey he dives,
The danger of the sea he braves
To thin the finny tribes.

COCK.



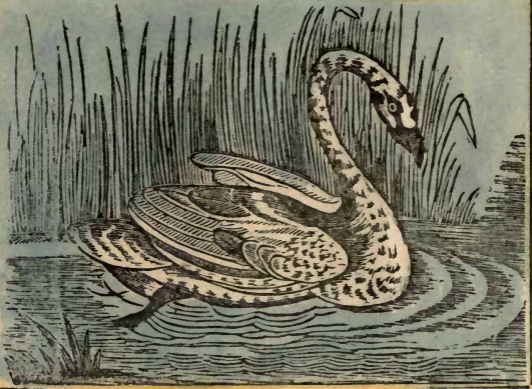
When the cocks scree note proclaims the morn

Then Jonny's off to plow,

And Betty trips across the lawn,

To milk the cherry cow.

SWAN.



See the swan as white as snow,

Upon the gras'y lake,

Where tall reeds the thickest grow:

Her nest she loves to make.