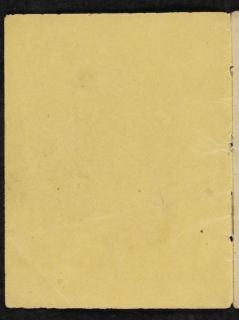
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The Swallow.



The Peacock.

THE PEACOCK.

This bird, which you see on the other page, is remarkable for the superb and beautiful tints of his tail, which, when expanded, displays more magnificence and elegance than any other plumage of the feathered creation. It was first introduced into Europe from the Asiatic Indies, and in several parts of those extensive regions it is still found wild in great numbers.



THE EAGLE.

THE eagle is among birds what the lion is among quadrupeds. They both exercise a kind of sovereignty over their fellows of the forest, equally magnanimous.



ROBIN-REDBREAST is singing,
The dinner-bell's ringing,
The swallows are twittering,
The girls they are tittering,
The old cat is mewing,
The cook she is stewing,
The watch-dog-is howling,
Old Towser is growling,
I'm most crazy with the noise.

THE ROBIN.

THERE came to my window,
One morning in spring,
A sweet little robin;
She came there to sing.

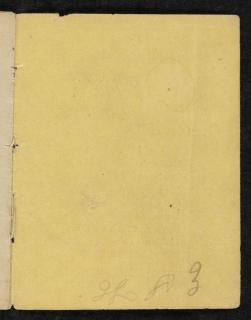
The tune that she sung,
It was prettier far
Than ever I heard
On flute or guitar.

She raised her light wings, To soar far away; Then, resting a moment, Seemed sweetly to say. O happy, how happy, This world seems to be! Awake, little girl, And be happy with me.

The sweet bird then mounted Upon a light wing, And flew to a tree-top, And there did she sing.

I listened, delighted,
And hoped she would stay,
And come to my window
At dawn of the day.





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