



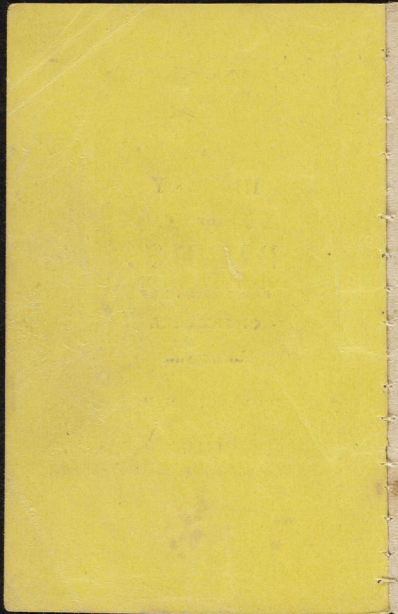
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BIRDS.

FOR THE USE OF  
CHILDREN.



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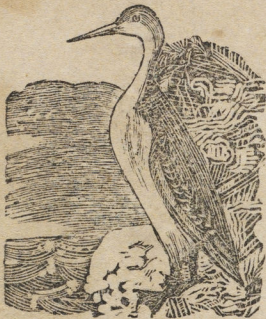


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Come buy a little pleasing toy  
It's done up very neat:  
'Twill please a little girl or boy—  
I'll sell it very cheap.



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### The Guillemot.

The largest species of this bird is the Foolish Guillemot, which weighs about twenty-four ounces, and is seventeen inches in length. They are a stupid bird.

# BIRDS.

## Eagle.



Here is an eagle the king of birds. He is so powerful that he can kill a lamb, and carry it off into the air. He weighs between twelve and thirteen pounds; the wings, when extended, measure upward of seven feet.

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**Swan.**

This bird is larger than the goose. It is perfectly white, and appears very beautiful as it sails about upon the water. It is a long-lived bird, and sometimes attains the age of a hundred years.

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**Parrot.**

There are a great many kinds of parrots, most of which can be taught to speak. Some of them are green, some blue, and some are of various colors. They are all natives of warm countries.

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## Hoopoe.



This is a handsome bird of the parrot kind. It has long feathers upon its head, which makes it look somewhat like a fine lady, with a gay cap on. It is a solitary bird, living upon insects. In some places it is considered palatable food.



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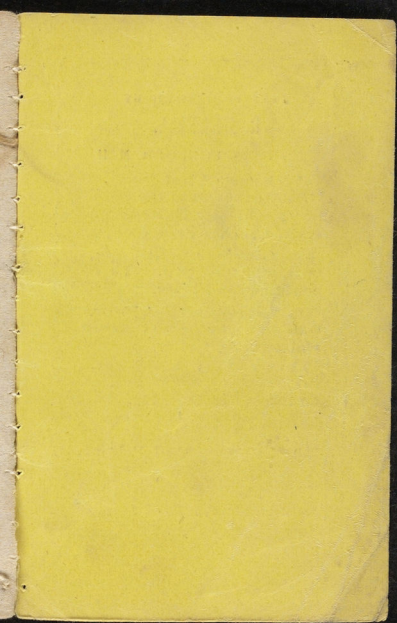
## Owl.



This bird lives in the woods and as he can hardly see in the day-time, he waits till the evening, and then flies about to catch some mice for supper. Sometimes an owl, by mistake, gets abroad in the day-time. The other birds seem to consider this very much out of the way. So they all assemble round him

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and abuse him at a great rate. There he sits, listening to the noise, but unable to see who the impudent fellows are. The blue jay generally takes the lead, and seems to say, "O, you naughty brute of an owl! how dare you come out among us, such decent, well-behaved, well-dressed people? O, you gazing, goggling creature, get out of our sight! Get away to your hole! Clear out, and don't attempt to force yourself into the genteel company of blue jays, cat birds, and woodpeckers!"



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