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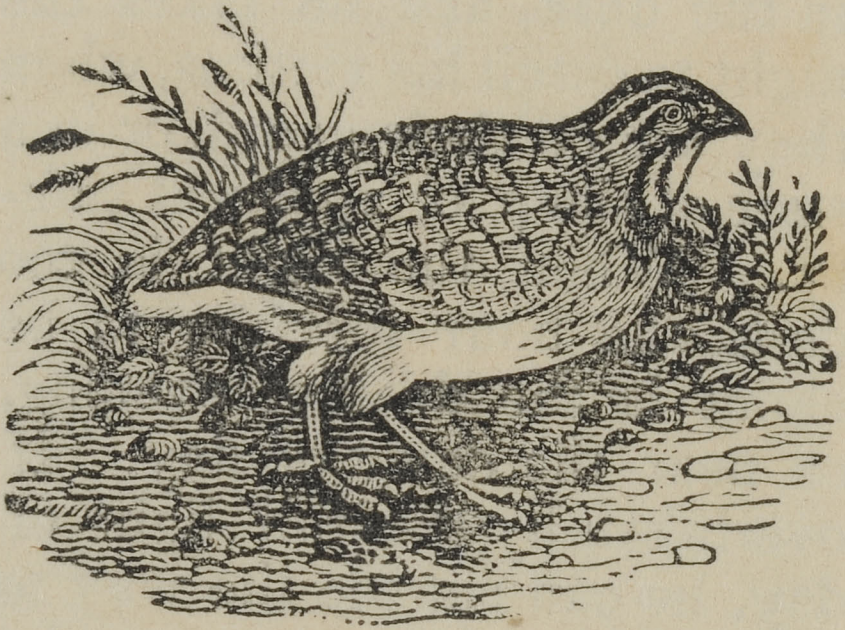
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THE OWL.

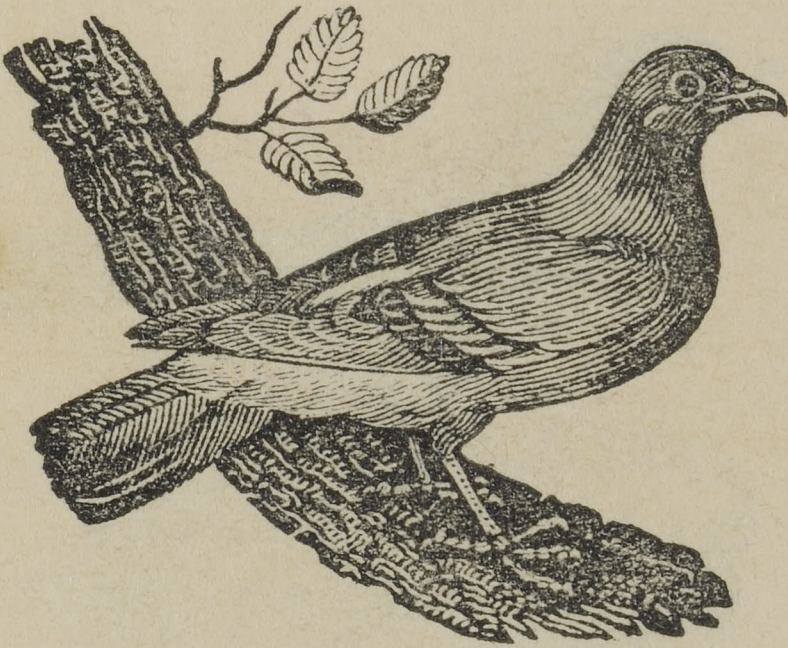
THE owl is a bird of prey. He seizes on smaller birds, and sometimes on hens and chickens. He is useful in killing rats and mice. His eyes are so formed that he can see best

in the dark, and he takes the night to catch his victims, when they are off their guard, or in a state of sleep or apparent safety. When the night is too dark, the hour for him to be about is the dusk of evening, or near the dawn of day. If overtaken by the full light of day, he can not see the way to his retreat. In such a case he flies to the first tree or bush to hide from sight till night enables him to go forth again. When any of the smaller birds upon which the owl preys in the night, catch him from his retreat in the day-time, when he can not see, they fall upon him and punish him for his cruel treatment of them.



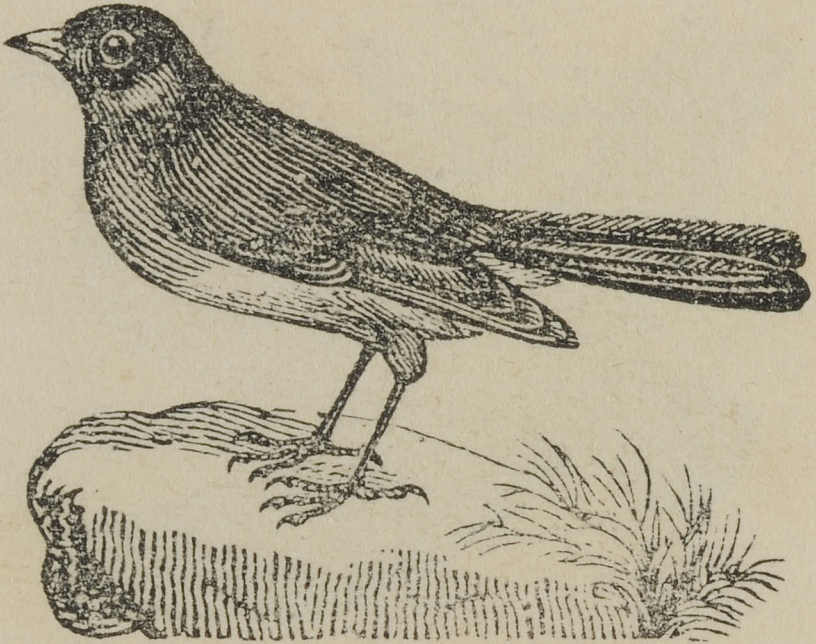
THE QUAIL.

THE quail is a pretty bird, which is found almost all over the world. Its flesh is very delicate for food, and in our country the quail is used for that purpose. But in China and some other ignorant countries, it is bred for the barbarous practice of fighting.



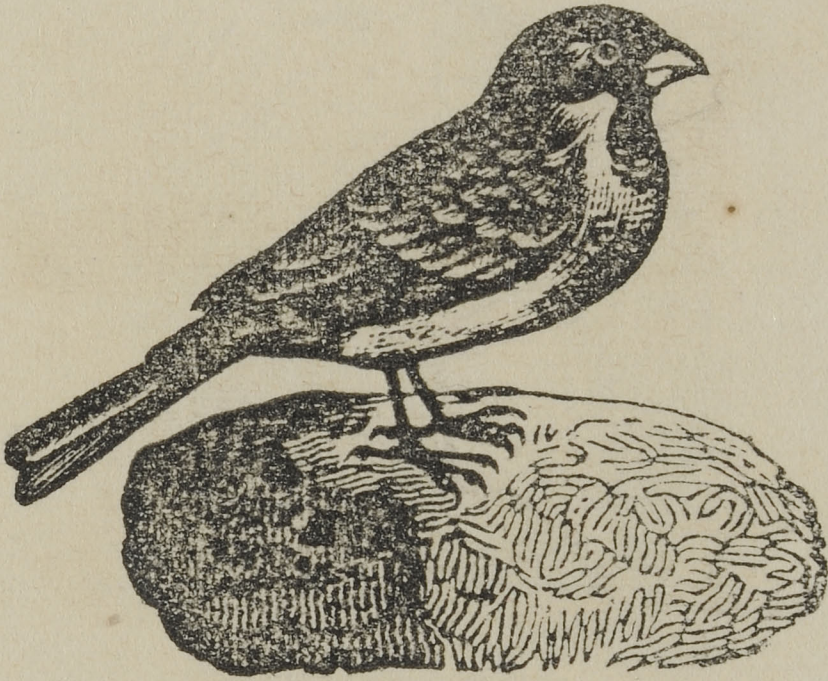
THE DOVE.

THERE are many kinds of doves. One kind is called the turtle-dove, which is noted for its strong affection. If a pair be kept in a cage, and one dies, the other will not survive it. They feed on all sorts of grain, but are fondest of millet-seed.



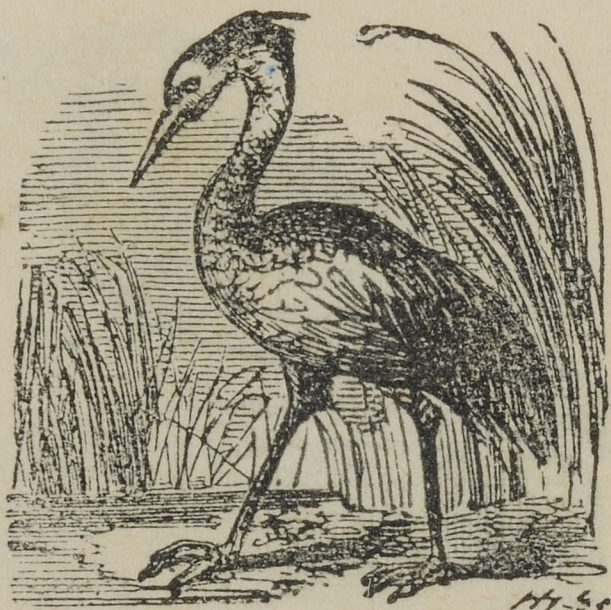
THE ROBIN.

THE robin is found all over the United States. In the north, when the weather becomes cold in winter, it flies to a warmer clime at the south. When, early in the year, we hear the song of the robin, we are reminded that winter is past.



THE SPARROW.

THIS pretty little bird is always to be found near our homes. As larger birds take to the woods and avoid the haunts of man, these birds keep in the vicinity of man, where the larger birds will not dare to pursue them.



THE CRANE.

THE crane is a very singular looking bird. Its legs are made very long for wading, as it gets its food from marshes and wet places, and it can not swim. Its neck and bill are long, to enable it to reach in or under the water. It lives mostly on worms and insects.

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