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**The Alphabet.**

**A B C D E**

**F G H I J**

**K L M N O**

**P Q R S T**

**U V W X**

**Y Z**

**a b c d e f g h**

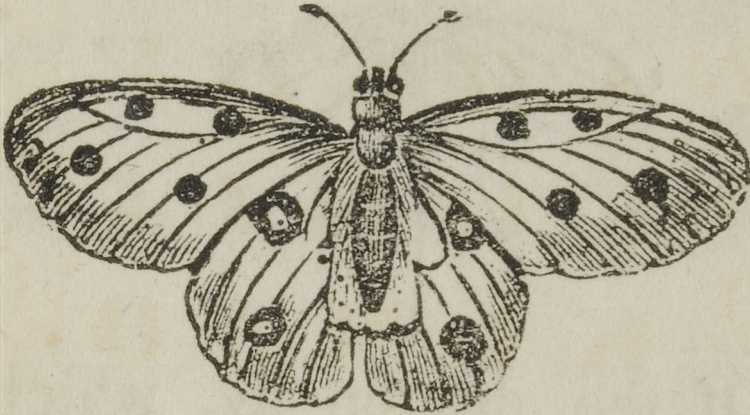
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# THE GIFT.



Of butterflies there are many kinds. How wonderful the various changes of this class of insects! The butterflies lay their eggs from these hatch out worms or caterpillars, which change their skins several times, and finally becomes chrysales or silk-worms, out of which come the beautiful butterflies.





Of the dragon fly, which by many is called *spindles*, there are various species. They all have two very large eyes, covering the whole surface of the head. They fly very swiftly, and prey upon the wing, clearing the air of innumerable little flies. The great ones live about water, but the smaller are common about hedges and gardens.





Grasshoppers are too common to need description, as they abound wherever there is green grass.

One summer is their period of life: they are hatched in the spring, and die in the fall; previous to which, they deposit their eggs in the earth, which the warmth of the next season brings to life. They are food for many of the feathered race.





Here is a hen scratching the dirt to find some worms or seeds for her chickens, which are all around her to pick up whatever they can find that is good to eat. A hen has sometimes a family of from ten to fifteen chickens to provide for.





The spider is a very singular insect. It lives entirely on insects, such as flies, small bugs, &c. To procure their food, they weave webs in the corners of rooms and in the branches of trees, in such a manner as to deceive the flies, who get entangled in the trap thus set for them by the ingenious spider.





Here is a picture of a fine tree, with two pots under it, containing flower plants. — Trees grow natural in the woods, and grow very large and tall. They are often transplanted near to houses, and in rows along the sides of streets in villages.



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