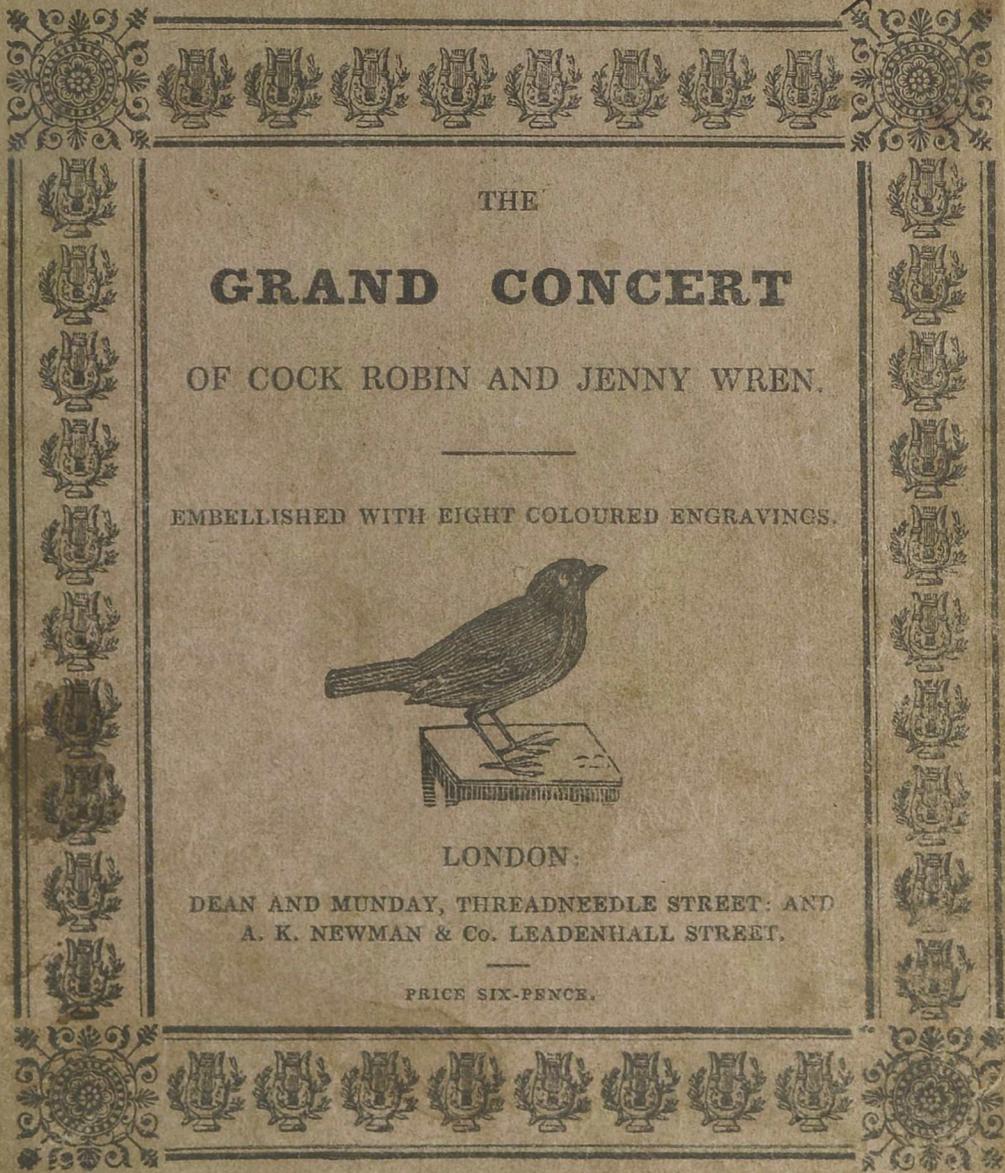


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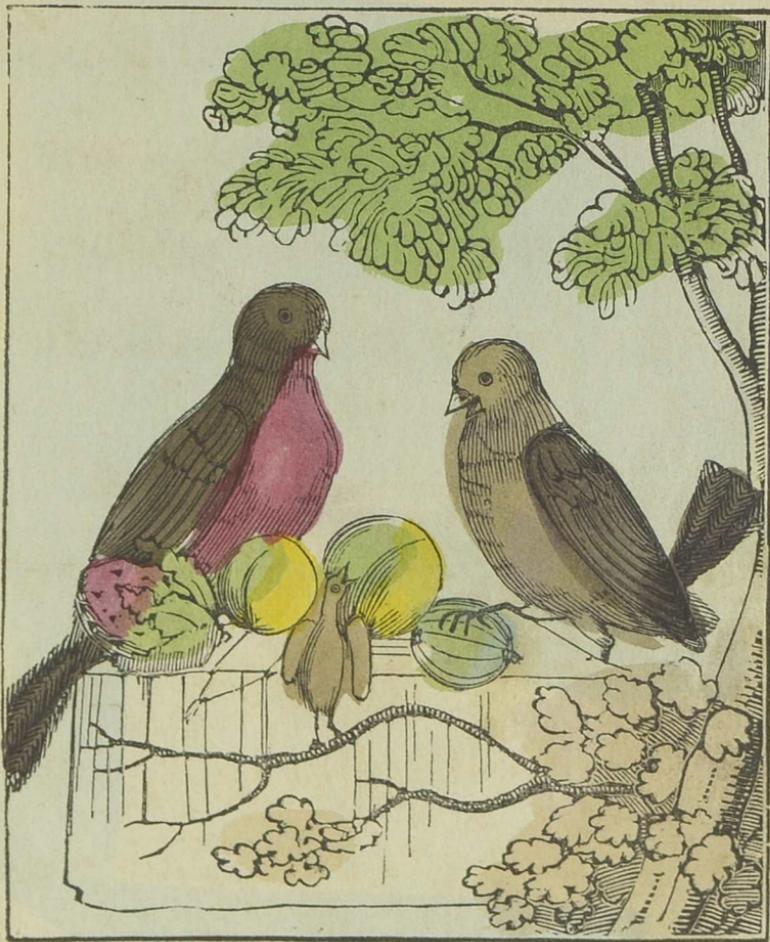
ROBIN AND JENNY.

The leaves were fresh and green,
On a waving chestnut tree,
Where a Robin gay was seen,
Who cried, “Jenny, list to me:

The Spring is bright and fine,
All our singing friends are come;
Shall we ask the birds to dine,
In our pretty chestnut home?"

THE CONCERT PROPOSED.

Said sweet Jenny Wren, "I fear
For your cash, I'm apprehensive,
It would cost too much, my dear,
For large dinners are expensive.



THE CONCERT PROPOSED.

But a Concert we can have,
And invite each merry singer;
So our money we shall save;
'Twill be better than a dinner."

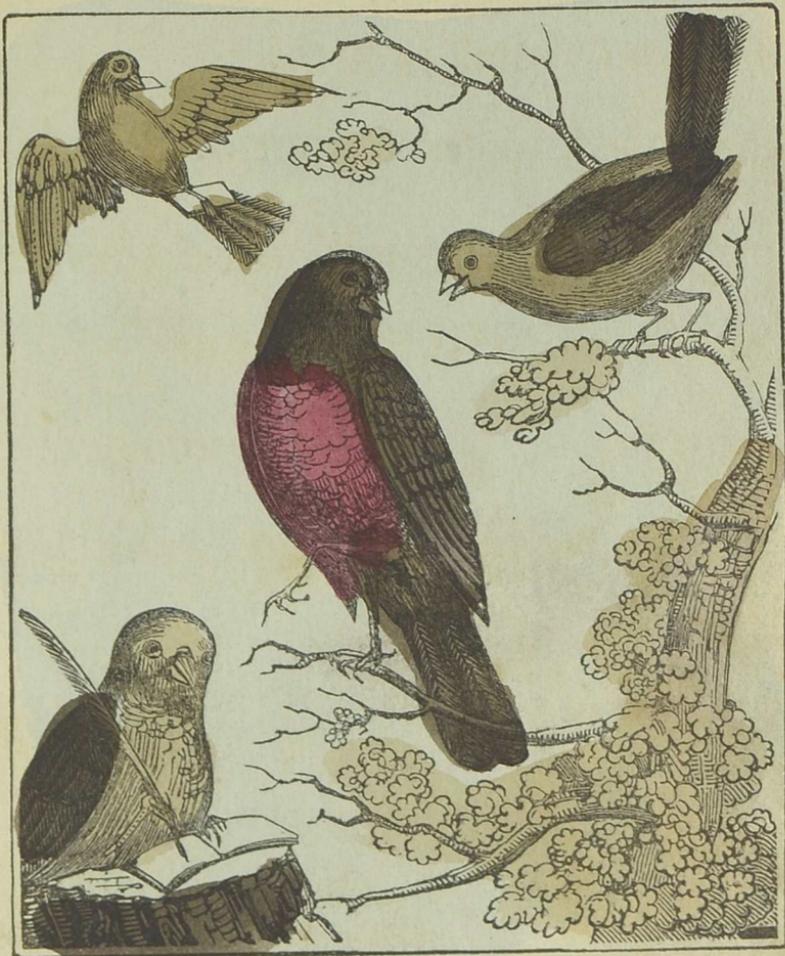
THE INVITATION.

Said Robin, "I agree:

I will send for Sparrow Dick,

A learned bird is he,
And will write your letters quick.
Tom Pigeon, he will take them,
So your invitations send,
Fix our concert for to-morrow,
When we hope to see each friend.





THE INVITATION.

THE BAND.

The day was serene, not a cloud in
the air,

The singing birds all to the Concert
repair:

The vocalists high on the branches
are seated,

And Jenny, to all, her kind wel-
comes repeated.

The Lark, as the leader, was placed
in the middle;

The Jay played the flute, the Owl
brought his fiddle;

The Cock on the clarion so shrill
and so clear,

The Woodpecker's drum could be
heard far and near.



THE BAND.

THE THRUSH'S SONG.

The Lark sang so sweetly, his
notes were so high,

“Well done,” cried Tom Tit, “and
now let me try.”

When he'd done, the birds laughed;
so he called on John Crow,

Who said he sung bass, as his voice
was quite low.

When he finished, the birds loudly
called on the Thrush,
Who sung, "Sweet is the bloom
on the gay hawthorn bush;
In spring its sweet blossoms the
merry birds cheer,
For we know it brings berries in
winter so drear."



THE THRUSH'S SONG.

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

The birds, quite delighted, then
called on the Linnet,

A song short and sweet, it was
done in a minute.

Then Robin and Jenny a duet did
sing,

And made all the grove with their
voices to ring.

But a Hawk heard the sound as he
sailed in the air,

“Oh! a party!” cried he, “I will
soon make one there.”

He no sooner came, than the
singing birds shout

To the birds of the band, “Turn,
turn the rogue out.”



AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

HAWK TURNED OUT.

The Cock boldly flew in the face
of the Hawk,

And told him, the band his vile
purpose would balk.

The Hawk would not stay, but
cried, "Who cares for you?"

A Tom-tit for supper I'll have, if
not two."

Then the drummer, and fiddler,
and Crow, all their might

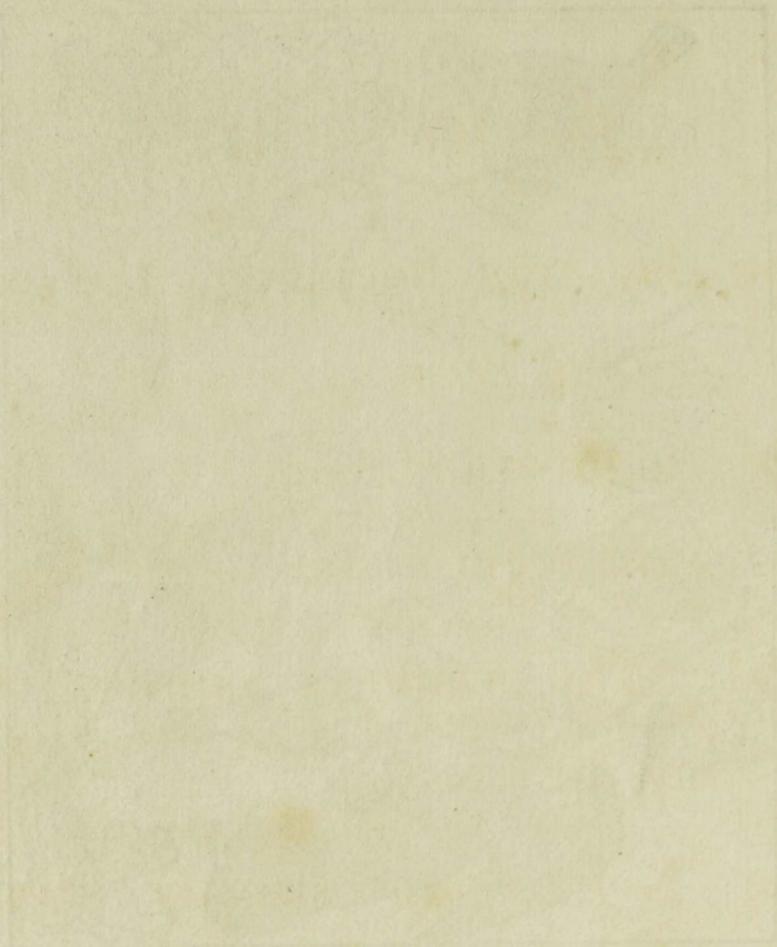
Used upon him at once; and most
fierce was the fight.

Till a blow from the fiddle knocked
him dead from the tree;

Which the singing birds all were
delighted to see.



HAWK TURNED OUT.



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GOOD NIGHT.

The day was declining, the sun
getting low,

The night-watchman, the Bat,
gave them notice to go;

Said "The evening's approach 'tis
my duty to tell."

The Nightingale sweetly sung,
"Good night, all's well."

While Robin and Jenny to each
said "Good Night:"

And begged that the glow-worms
would show them a light.

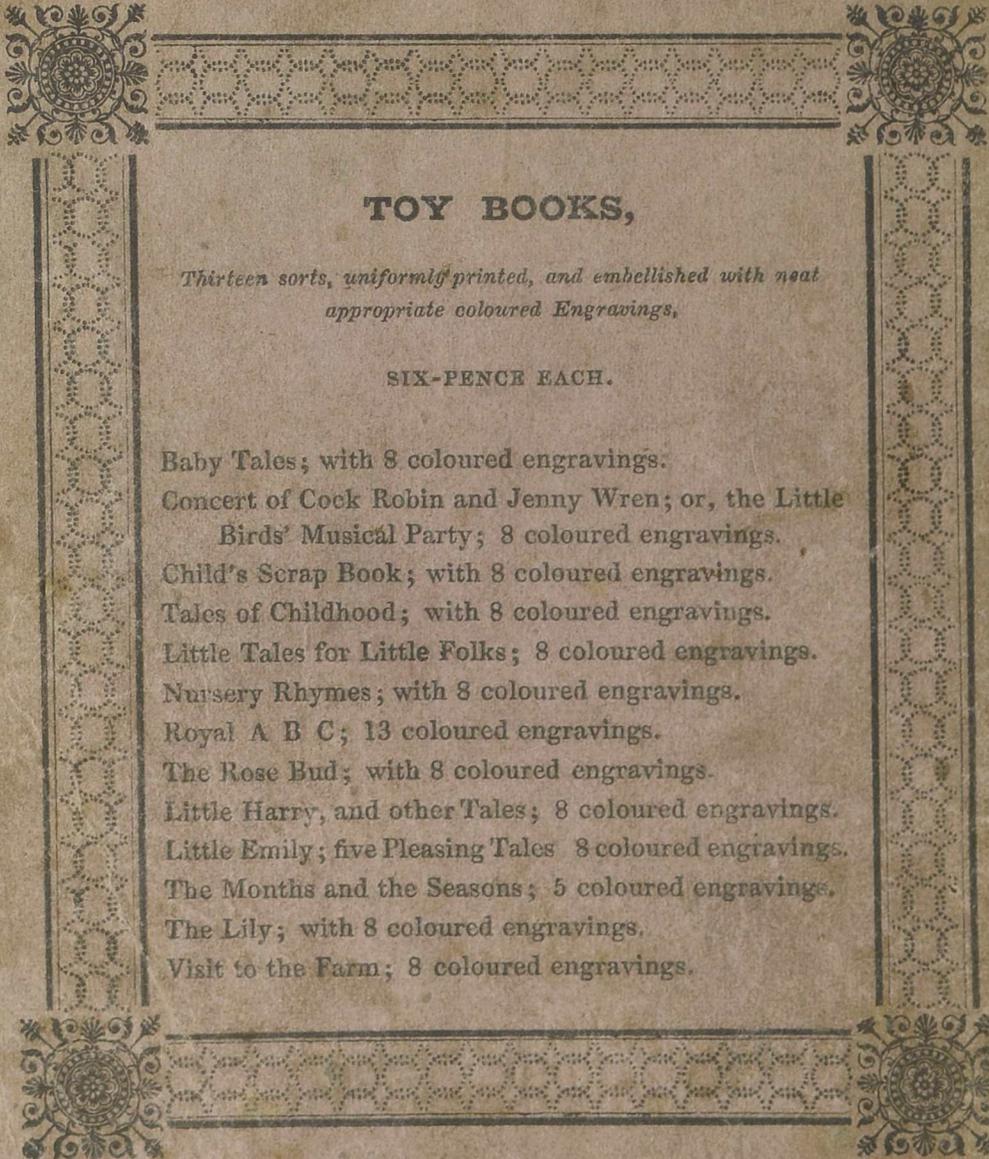
So they all thanked sweet Jenny
for such a gay treat,

And each bird winged its way to
its leafy retreat.



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