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MRS. DOVE'S PARTY.

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MRS. DOVE once said to her mate,
quite hearty,
As they sat on a bough, to rest
from their labours,
“What d’ye say, dear, to giving an
evening party?
I know ’tis expected, somehow, by
our neighbours,

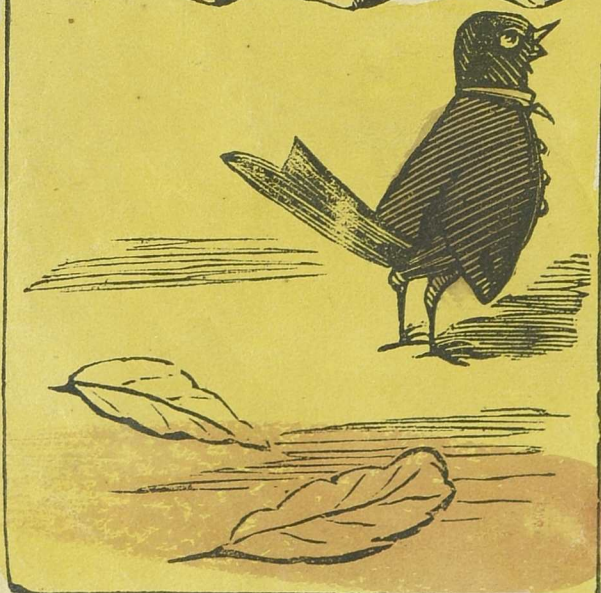
And by friends and relations, and not without reason,
For we’ve not had one party the whole of the season.



The matter was settled, out went
invitations ;

In fact, the whole county they
ranged for a list
Of birds of all feathers, and hosts
of relations,
Determined the party should be
of the best.

While Madam, for days, was engaged in such cookery
As completely astonished a neighbouring rookery.



The evening arrived, and the sun
 shining cheerily,
 Saw Mrs. Dove smilingly welcome
 her visitors,
 Who all seemed delighted, they chir-
 rruped so merrily,
 (No fault could be found by the
 sternest inquisitors,)

While Mr. Dove made them all laugh, on remarking it:
 "Our party's not dull, for I see a good Lark in it."

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There was only one thing which was
not quite so pleasant,
And that was the entrance of
Mr. Cock Sparrow ;
For some friends of the late poor
Cock Robin were present,
Who looked with alarm at his
bow and his arrow.

And they thought, (so did I,) that it scarcely was decent,
To come thus, while his victim's sad death was so recent.



And though he hopped in quite bold
and undaunted,
He found not a bird that in kind-
ness would greet him,
Which told him, at once, he was not
at all wanted.

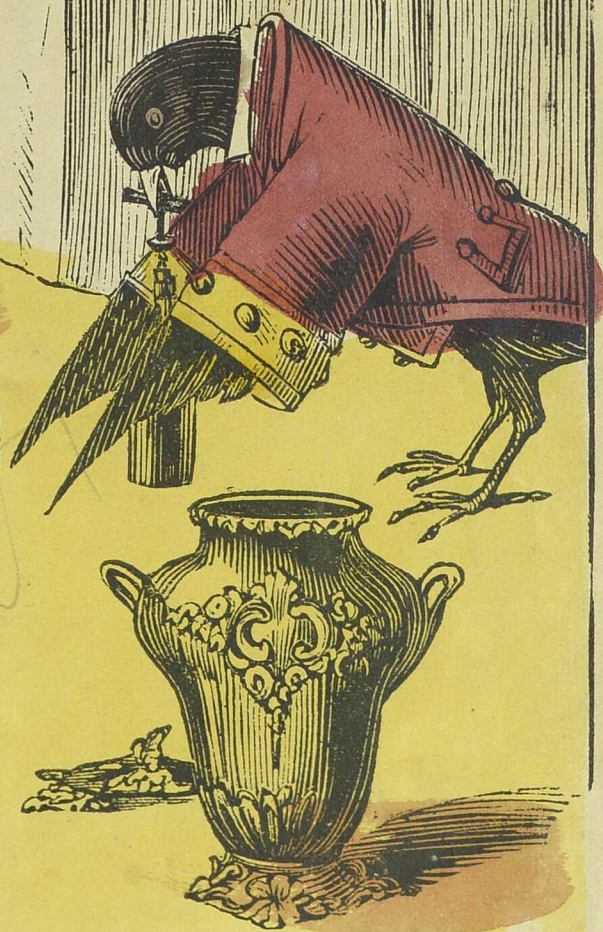
Lady Owl looked as tho' she with
pleasure could eat him.

So he turned, left the place, and with rage fairly trembled;
Then joy once more reigned in the party assembled.



You might see many affluent noble-
 men's villas,
 And not find a banquet arranged
 half so tasty;
 Rare flowers, choice fruits, preserved
 caterpillars,
 With that choicest of dishes, a
 butterfly pasty.

And while these were consumed, with all sorts of wine,
 The band played Rule Britannia, and then Auld Lang Syne.





Soon after the banquet they went to
the ball-room,
Lighted up by the moon, with the
help of the stars ;
And here I may say, few could boast
such a tall room ;
Where the young joined the dance,
while mammas and papas

Looked on with approval, or talked as they listed,
While some of the old birds, a nice game of whist did.



Now each thing, we know, must at
length have an end to it,
So it was with our party of birds
so lighthearted;
Some, rememb'ring a nest, thought
'twas time to attend to it;
While others chirped out, "The
best friends must be parted."

Well pleased with their hosts; well pleased with the cookery,
They all left, to the joy of the envious rookery.



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