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# MAMMA LOVECHILD'S SERIES



## 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.



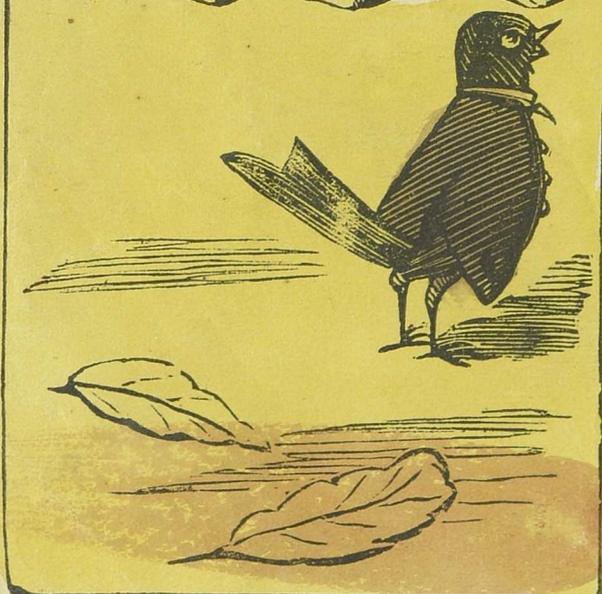
The matter was settled, out went  
invitations ;

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-  
ruped 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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