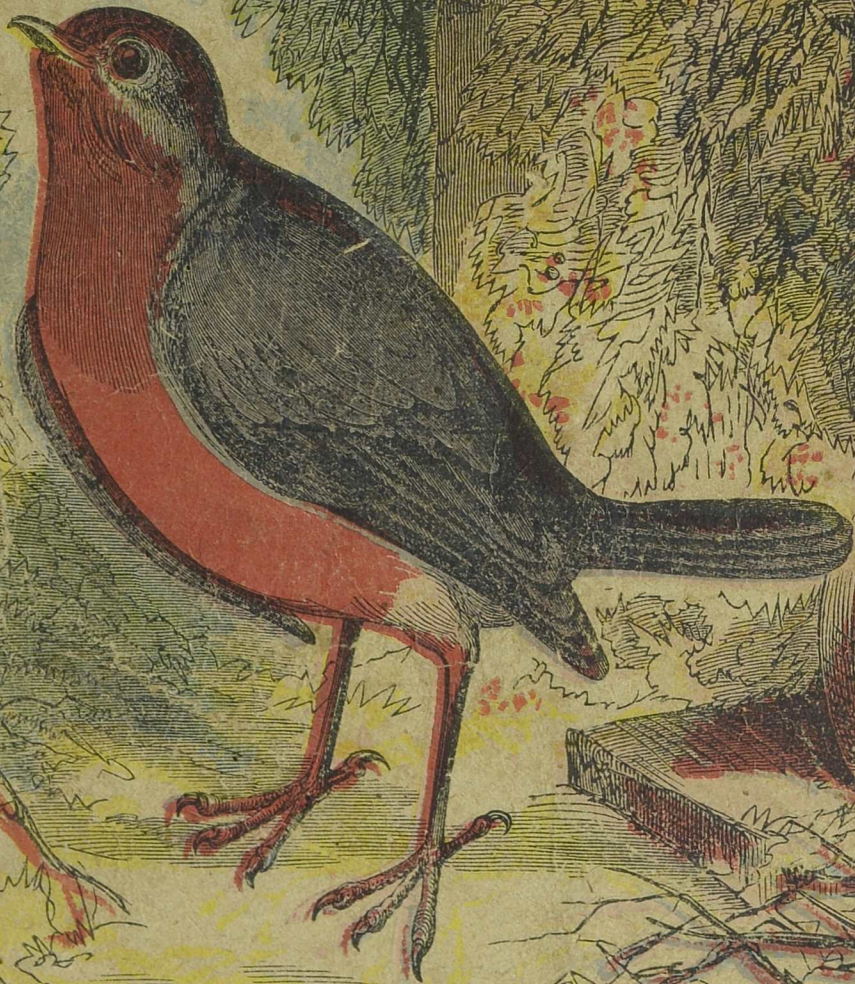


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## The Cuckoo.

When primroses bloom and the hedges look green,  
And the bright beams of sunshine illumine the scene,  
The note of the Cuckoo proclaims to the ear,  
“Sweet Spring is advancing, and Summer is near.”





### The Bullfinch.

The Bullfinch looks noble, and handsome 'tis too;  
Its plumage can boast of the carmine's bright hue;  
It feeds on seeds, berries, and insects as well,  
And picks the young fruit buds, as gardeners tell.













### The Goldfinch.

Pretty Goldie, how sweet your notes sound on the ear,  
As we stroll in the groves, if the morning be clear !  
The ripe seeds of thistle you chose for your food ;  
And, even in cages, your singing is good.





### The Robin Redbreast.

As Winter creeps on, and as food becomes short,  
Pretty Robin, you then to our houses resort ;  
So tame then you grow, that you shun not our care,  
Till the Spring says " Return,—to the groves now  
repair."

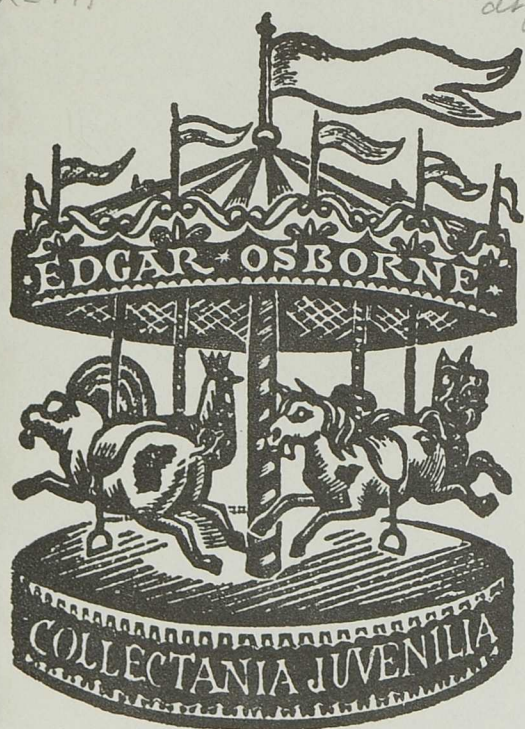






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### **The Linnet.**

When Winter steals on, flocks of Linnets retreat,  
To the corn-ricks, the stray ears afford them a treat;  
When Spring comes again, to the thickets of broom  
They gladly return, as their more welcome home.





### The Blackbird.

Thy plumage so glossy we love to behold,  
With bill, lively bird, tipped with orange-like gold ;  
Thrice welcome thy song, so rich, mellow, and gay,  
We hear, when the Spring drives cold Winter away.



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