

PRIMER PRATT'S
LITTLE BOOK
OF
BIRDS



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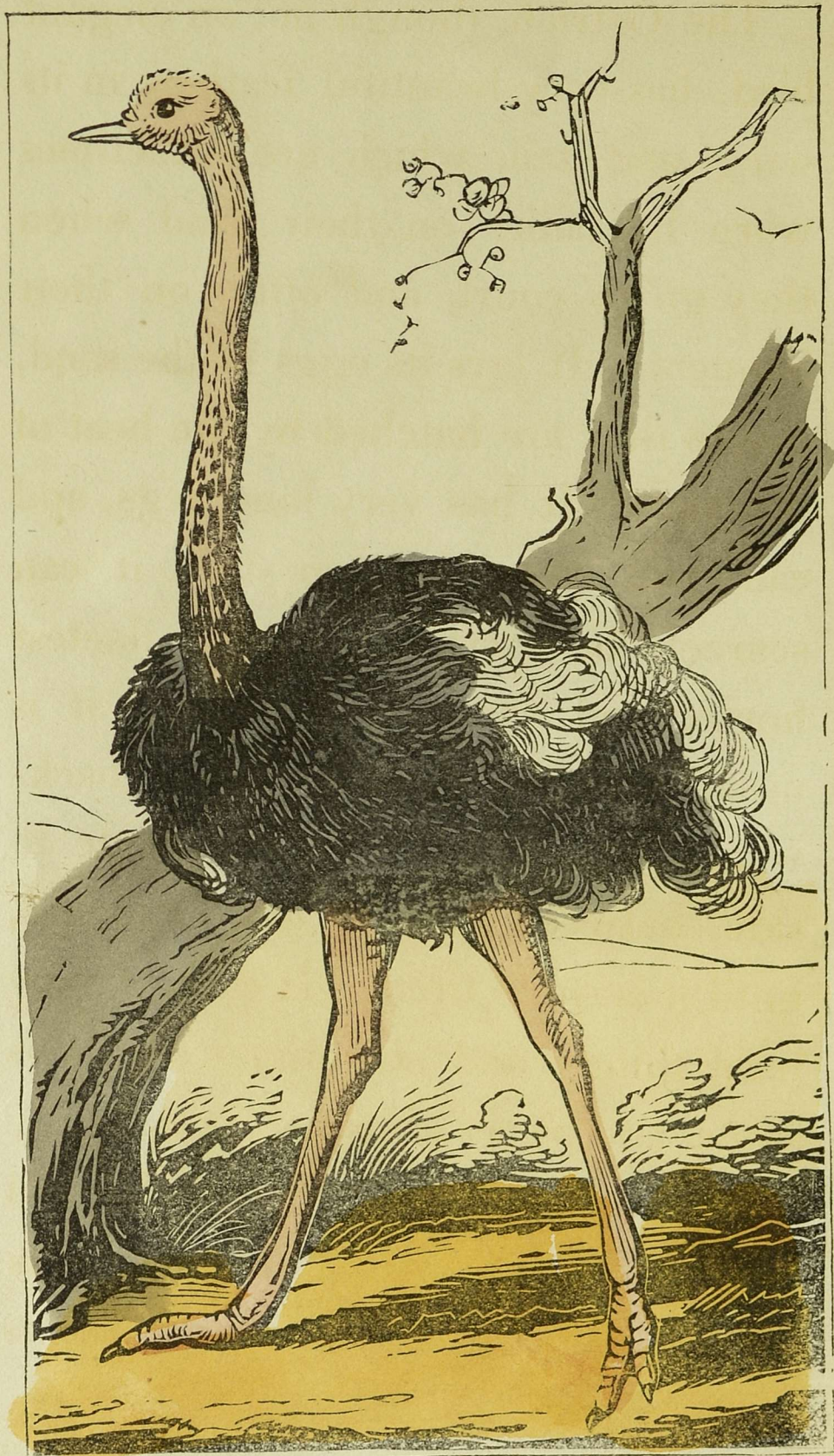
Here you see a Turkey, with a hen and chickens. The Turkey is for our Christmas dinner. The Hen is very useful, for besides laying eggs which we eat or make into puddings, she rears her chickens with great care.



The Peacock is the proudest of all birds, and has as you see a very beautiful tail. It can be made very tame, and is kept by gentlemen for the great beauty of its plumage.



The Parrot is the proudest of all
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The Ostrich, though not an elegant bird, has very beautiful feathers in its wing and tail, which are sometimes worn by ladies on their head when they go to court, and often on their bonnets. It lays its eggs in the sand, where they are hatched by the heat of the sun. It has very long legs, and can run very fast, so that it can scarcely be overtaken by the fleetest horse, and the way in which it is usually caught is by driving it backward and forward, and from side to side, between two or more hunters, until it is quite tired. It can eat very hard things, and sometimes swallows stones and pieces of iron. It is said by some that when nearly caught it will hide its head in a small hole and think that it is safe because it cannot see its pursuers.



The Eagle is a bird of prey, and builds her nest in rocks. She lives herself and feeds her young upon carrion, and very often flies away with young lambs or any other animal she can lift.



Here you see is a Macaw, a Cockatoo, and a Parrot. The two last can be taught to speak, but the Macaw is kept for the beauty of its plumage. They live naturally in hot climates.

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PETER PRATTLE'S

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Good Little Girl.

Good Little Boy.

Little Tradesman.

Book of Beasts.

Book of Birds.

Morning Walk.

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