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E is an eagle, of birds styled the king,
Which far above all human sight on the wing,

With eye that can gaze on the Sun marks his prey,
And, darting below, lamb or kid bears away.


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F is the Fox, artful, treach'rous, and sly;
Who visits the henroost, I need not say why :

He'd fain steal the fowls, but can't get his prey,

For fast are the doors: away, Sir, away!

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J is a Jay, Sir, a chattering bird,
Which some of my readers have probably heard ;

But though he speaks plainly, remember he can

Say nothing but what has been taught him by man.



K, I presume, is the famed Kangaroo,
Possessing such strength and agility too,
That ten feet, or twelve, at one time he oft bounds,

And leaves far behind him both hunters and hounds.

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$\mathbf{L}$ is the Lion, great monarch of beasts ;
Who never invites little boys to his feasts ; And were he to call them, I safely may say,

From his terrible roar they would scamper away.

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$\mathbf{M}$ is a tiny and timid poor Mouse, That dreads more the cat than all else in the house;

And sometimes, we know 'tis her mournful mishap,

To be seiz'd by Grimalkin, or caught in a trap.
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$\mathbf{N}$ is the Nightingale, whose dulcet lay,
Attention excites at the close of the day, Of solitude fond, she her strains will prolong,
And cheer the dull night with her soft plaintive song.

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O is an Owl, which the Ancients all gave To Minerva, because she looks solemn and grave;
The depth of her wisdom I really can't tell,

But in catching of mice she is said to excel.


P is a Parrot, from distant climes brought, And by perseverance successfully taught, To chatter, to whistle, to laugh, or to sing "Come put on the Kettle," or "Long live the King."



Q is a Quail, hark! how plaintive its cry !
Beware, thou poor bird, for the fowler is nigh ;

His aim is so sure, and his net so well spread,

Thou soon wilt be numb'red, alas! with the dead.



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$\mathbf{R}$ is the Robin, a nice little fellow, Whose breast is so ruddy, whose song is so mellow ;

In Autumn we often with pleasure regard him,

And when Winter frowns, with our crumbs we reward him.

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S is a Squirrel, so active and free,
Who, nuts to procure, springs from this to that tree ;

And whether at freedom or housed in a cage,

Is prone by mild temper good-will to engage.




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