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THE ILLUSTRATED ALPHABET OF BIRDS



BOSTON

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A a

THE AUK

A is an Auk,
Of the Artic sea,
He lives on the ice,
Where the winds blow free.



B b



THE BLUE BIRD.

B is a Blue Bird.
In early spring,
How sweet his songs
Through the forest
ring.

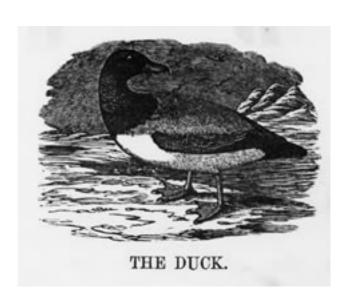
 \mathbf{C}

THE CONDOR.

C is a Condor, On the Andes' height, He plumes his wings For a lofty flight.



D d



THE DUCK.

D is a Duck.
Of the canvas back sort,
To shoot at a flock
Is considered fine sport.

E e

THE BALD EAGLE.

E's a Bald Eagle, So bold and so free; On the flag of our country He spans land and sea.



F f



THE FISH HAWK.

F is a Fish Hawk, Who lives on the shore: He catches his prey Mid the ocean's roar. G g

THE GOOSE.

G is a Goose; His feathers we take And put them in sacking Our beds to make.



H h



THE HUMMING BIRD.

H is a Humming Bird, Sporting mid flowers And brightly enjoying The sunny hours.

I i

THE IBIS.

I is an Ibis, Who wanders in bogs, And lives upon lizards, And fishes and frogs.







THE JAY.

J is a Jay,
With his blue and white coat,
With a crest on his head,
And a ring round his throat.

K k

THE KING BIRD.

K is a King Bird,
Pugnacious and bold:
A hero in fight,
And a terrible scold.



L 1



THE LARK.

L is a Lark,
A sociable bird;
His song in the meadow
Is frequently heard.

M m

THE MAGPIE.

M is a Magpie,
He lives at the west,
Steals and scolds and eats
carrion;
He's none of the best.



N n

THE NIGHT HERON.

N is a Night Heron,



Of fishes quite fond; He looks for them now, As he stands by the pond.

O o

THE OWL.

O is an Owl, Who hides through the day; And comes out at night, To seek for his prey.



P p



THE PIGEON.

P is a Pigeon
So rapid in flight,
That before you can shoot
him
He's gone out of sight.

 \mathbf{Q} q

THE QUAIL.

Q is a Quail, Who hides in a tree, And whistles "Bob-White" With lively glee.



R r



THE ROBIN.

R is the Robin,
So kind and so good,
Who covered with leaves,
The poor babes in the
wood.

S s

THE SWALLOW.

S is the Swallow, She darts through the air To catch little insects, Her favorite fare.



T t



THE TURKEY.

T is a Turkey,
A fine dashing beau,
By his fuming and
strutting,
His pride you may
know.

U u

THE UPUPA.

U's the Upupa, Or Hoopoe. His crest He can raise or lower, As suits him best.



V v



THE VULTURE.

V is a Vulture,
Who feeds on the dead,
When the dark battlefield,
With corpses is
spread.





THE WOODPECKER.

W's a Woodpecker,
Who with his long bill,
Bores holes in a tree
And of worms eats his fill.









THE XANTHORONUS.

X is Xanthoronus, Or Baltimore Bird. Oft in our orchards, His music is heard.

Y

y

THE YELLOW BIRD.

Y is a Yellow Bird, With feathers so bright, Who sings all the day, And sleeps all the night.



 \mathbf{Z}



THE LETTER Z, OR ROOST.

Z stands for none of the feathered race. It must serve as a roost, Or lose the last place.