

## NATURE STUDY LESSONS



### UNPAID HELPERS

You call them thieves and pillagers; but know  
They are the winged wardens of your farms,  
Who from the cornfields drive the insidious foe,  
And from your harvest keep a hundred harms;  
Even the blackest of them all,—the crow,—  
Renders good service as your man-at-arms,  
Crushing the beetle in his coat of mail,  
And crying havoc on the slug and snail.

—Longfellow.