

loud as he could, "You must be some foolish boy." "Foolish boy!" replied the voice from the wood.—George now began to get angry and said some very ill-natured things in reply, which were all faithfully repeated by the echo. George then began looking about for the little boy who he thought was mocking him, in order to give him a beating; but all his search was in vain. So he ran home and told his mother how some naughty boy had hid himself in the wood, and mocked him by repeating his words. "My dear boy," she replied, "you are mis-

taken. It was only your own words which you heard, just as when you look into a mirror or piece of water, you see your face reflected back; and if you had spoken kindly, you would have received back kind words in reply. And so it is in the world, in our dealings with our fellow-creatures. Their conduct to us is in general an echo of ours to them; and if we behave civilly to them, they will do the same to us. But if we are rude and ill-mannered, we must expect to be treated in the same way."

NATURAL HISTORY.



THE WHITE, OR COMMON BARN OWL,

Is the most generally known of any of this kind, as it may be said to be almost domesticated. It seldom hoots, but often screams tremendously. It generally haunts barns and granaries, where it renders great services to

mankind, by clearing those places of the mice and other vermin which resort thither, and are so destructive among grain. It preys solely on small birds, mice, or reptiles, and never either procured or foretold the death or disaster of any human being, whatever nurses and gossips may think of the matter.