

OUR COZY CORNER.

THE LOST NESTLINGS.

"Have you seen my darling nestlings?"

A mother robin cried;

"I cannot, cannot find them,
Though I've sought them far and wide.

"I left them well this morning,
When I went to seek their food,
But I found upon returning,
I'd a nest without a brood.

"O, have you nought to tell me,
That will ease my aching breast,
About my tender offspring
That I left within the nest.

"I have called them in the bushes
And the rolling stream beside,
Yet they came not at my bidding—
I'm afraid they all have died."

"I can tell you all about them,
Said a little wanton boy,
For 'twas I that had the pleasure
Your nestlings to destroy.

"But I did not think their mother
Her little ones would miss,
Or ever come to hail me
With a wailing sound like this.

"I did not know your bosom
Was formed to suffer woe,
And to mourn your absent children,
Or I had not grieved you so.

"I'm sorry that I've taken
The lives I can't restore,
And this regret shall teach me
To do the thing no more.

"I ever shall remember
The plaintive sounds I've heard,
Nor kill another nestling
To pain a mother bird."

—MISS GOULD.

Dare to do right, dare to be true,
You have a work that no other can do;
Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well,
Angels will hasten the story to tell.

Dare to do right, dare to be true,
Other men's failings can never save you.
Stand by your conscience, your honor, your
faith,
Stand like a hero, and battle to death.

—Selected.

While you live right nothing goes
wrong. A soul at peace with God can-
not be greatly disturbed by the world,
for it has its pleasures in God and its
blessings from God.—Jackson.

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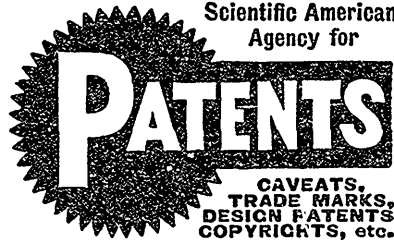
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