## A NARROW ESCAPE

I was sitting in the breakfast room,a few mornings ago, when my little girl, who was standing at the window, cried out in distress, "Oh mamma ! that naughty 'Sylvia' is bringing in a live bird in her mouth I saw̄ it move!" Sylvia was our pet cat, and a great favorite with the children. Jumping up, I ran out hastily to meet her, and taking hold of her forced her to drop a poor little sparrow. Thelittle creature seemed almost paralyzed with fright, and lay in my hands with its eyes closed. Its little heart beating violently was the only sign of life. We managed to drop some cold water down its throat, and put it into a basket in the sun, not expecting at all that it could recover. But evidently Pussy had carried it very carefully, for there was not the sign of a scratch on it, nor were its feathers in the least ruffled. My little girl was watching it very anxiously, and soon came to tell me its eyes were ópen, and it was moving about. It was quite a baby bird, and could not even feed itself,
but I managed to force a little food but I managed to force a little food
down its throat; then putting it into a cage, I hung it outside the window, close to a nest of young sparrows, built in the ivy, hoping the parent-birds might come and feed it. Fresh air and the sight ot other birds seemed to revive it. wonderfully, and it began to flutter and chirrup. Several hours passed: before its parents found it out, during which time we fed it as best we could. At last, to our great joy and that of the little bird, they made their appearance, and it was one of the prettiest sights possible, when we opened the cagedoor, to see it hop out and its par-
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gether, our little bird apparently none the worse for its adventure.
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