



Audubon.

Did you ever hear of this person before? Perhaps some of you have not, so I shall give you a short sketch of him. Though an American by birth, he is of French extraction, as his name imports. He was born in Louisiana, in the year 1782, and at a suitable age was sent to Paris to pursue his education. He soon manifested a genius for drawing, and studied under the celebrated David.

Upon his return he began farming, but his love of nature in her unbroken solitudes, and his especial delight in studying the habits of birds, led him to relinquish his farm, and to devote himself altogether to ornithology. This word, as some of you know, means the science of birds, or that part of natural science which treats of birds—their size, their internal mechanism, their shape, their color, their