

look for game. The water-spaniel is a strong swimmer and diver, and is very useful in fetching out of the water game that has been shot.

The St. Bernard dog, sometimes called the Alpine spaniel, is as large as a mastiff. This dog is trained to go out in search of travellers who have lost their way in snow-storms on the Alps. St. Bernard is the name of the monastery where these dogs are kept. It is built at the summit of a lofty mountain-pass in Switzerland.

ANSWER TO A CHILD'S QUESTION.

S. T. COLERIDGE (1772-1834).

Do you ask what the birds say? The sparrow, the dove,
The linnet, and thrush, say, "I love and I love!"
In the winter they are silent—the wind is so strong.
What it says I don't know, but it sings a loud song.
But green leaves, and blossoms, and sunny warm weather,
And singing, and loving—all come back together.
But the lark is so brimful of gladness and love,
The green fields below him, the blue sky above,
That he sings, and he sings; and for ever sings he—
"I love my love, and my love loves me!"

THE THREE FISHERS.

CHARLES KINGSLEY (1819-1875).

Three fishers went sailing out into the west—
Out into the west, as the sun went down;
Each thought on the woman who loved him the best,
And the children stood watching them out of the town:
For men must work, and women must weep,
And there's little to earn, and many to keep,
Though the harbor-bar be moaning.*

Three wives sat up in the light-house tower,
And they trimmed the lamps as the sun went down;

* Though a dangerous storm is rising.