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PERSEVERANCE.

We copy the following from a book for children of no very recent date, which pleased us as a lively instance of animal sagacity, and it may serve to recommend to others the advantages of perseverance.

"In a remote field stood a large tulip tree, apparently of a century's growth, and one of the most gigantic of this species of tree. It looked like the father of the surrounding forest. A single tree of huge dimensions, standing alone, is a sublime object. On the top of the tree, for years, an old eagle, commonly called the Fishing Eagle, had built her nest every year, and unmolested raised her young. What is remarkable, this tree stood full ten miles from the sea shore. It had long been known as the "Old Eagle Tree." On a warm, sunny day, the workmen were hoeing corn in an

adjoining field. At a certain hour of the day, the old eagle was known to set off for the sea side, to gather food for her young. As she this day returned with a large fish in her claws, the workmen surrounded the tree, and by yelling and hooting, and throwing stones, so scared the poor bird, that she dropped the fish, and they carried it off in triumph. The men soon dispersed; but Joseph sat down under a bush near by to watch, and to bestow unavailing pity. The bird soon returned without food. The eaglets at once set up a cry for food, so shrill, so clear, and so clamorous, that the boy was greatly moved. The parent bird seemed to try to soothe them; but their appetites were too keen, and it was all in vain. She then perched herself on a limb near them, and looked down into the nest with a look that