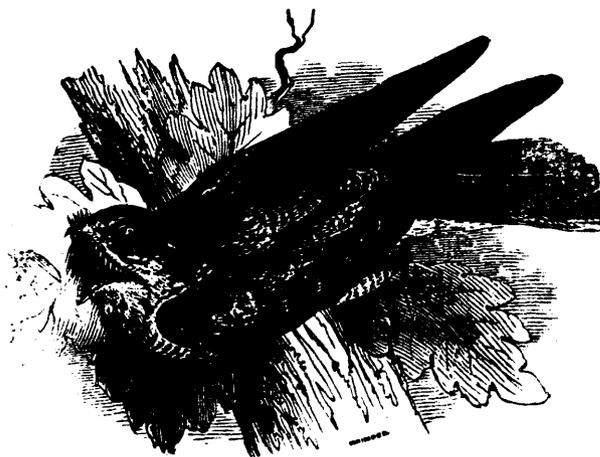




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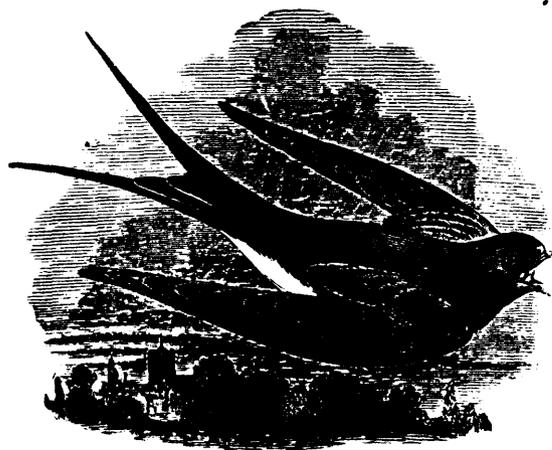
culture, at their meeting on the 6th inst., have resolved to petition Parliament, during its next session, to pass an Act to



No. 2.—THE NIGHT-HAWK (*Caprimulgus Americanus*.)*

prevent the catching and killing of all birds during the months of March, April, May, June, and July.

"I am happy to say agriculturalists are becoming alive to the fact, that birds were created for other purposes than to become



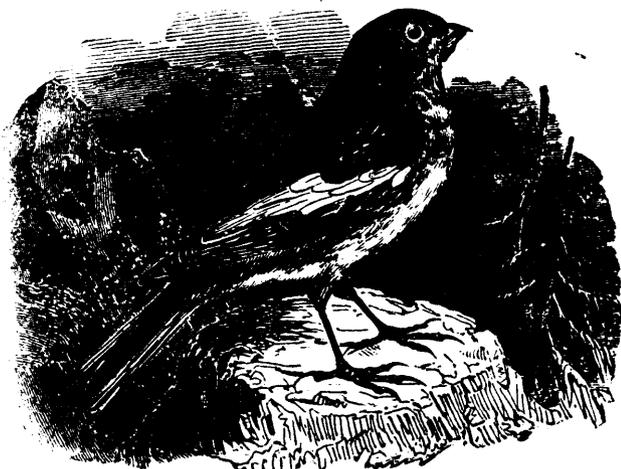
No. 3.—A SWALLOW (*Hirundo* —.)

the target for sportsmen, or the prisoner of the thoughtless child. The destruction of any bird that feeds upon insects or

* Mr. May, of the Educational Department, (who is a naturalist by profession, and who has furnished the notes to this article), states that "this bird is almost identical with the English night hawk, or goat sucker, which has from the earliest times been considered a bird of ill-omen. It is referred to by Aristotle, Pliny, and other

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WANTON DESTRUCTION OF SINGING-BIRDS.



No. 1.—A FINCH (*Fringilla* —.)

Now that the beautiful spring-time has come and is beginning to be enlivened by the cheerful song of the singing-birds, we would interpose a few words of kindly counsel to boys not to destroy them.

Nearly every country in Europe has lately passed some law for their protection, and we believe it is now proposed to do the same in Canada. Capt. Rhodes, President of the Agricultural Board, Lower Canada, in a letter to the editor of the *Quebec Morning Chronicle*, Sept. 8th, stated that "the Board of Agri-