

mountain, reserving for himself only the crumbs which were shaken from the table cloth. He also went often to the master of his friend, and by signs endeavored to induce him to follow him. At length the master began to notice the conduct of the dog, and one day said to him: 'Watch, do you know where poor Alonzo is;' the dog appearing to understand him, sprang upon him with so much force as to almost throw him down, and by other signs induced him to follow him to follow him. Watch elated beyond measure, conducted him to his imprisoned companion. The poor dog was found to have suffered greatly; in addition to his being nearly starved, in his efforts to extricate himself he had worn the skin from his neck and shoulders. He was soon liberated, and with care is on a fair way of recovery. Fragments of the bones which Watch had brought him lay around the place of his confinement."

#### SYMPATHY OF BIRDS.

A gentleman of our acquaintance a week or two since, remarked an unusual collection of brown thrushes in a thicket contiguous to his residence. His attention having been drawn toward them for several successive days by their loud cries and eccentric movements, he was at length induced to investigate more closely the cause of this unwonted congress of his feathered tenants, and ascertain, if possible, the cause of their excitement.—Upon examining the thicket he discovered a female thrush suspended by one wing to a limb. Near by was her nest containing several half grown birds. From the attendant circumstances, he immediately concluded that the maternal bird must have become entangled before the progress of incubation was com-

pleted, and that some kind hearted neighbor had supplied her place in hatching and brooding her callow offspring. He withdrew a few rods, and the committee of relief immediately resumed the self-imposed duty of administering 'aid and comfort,' in the form of worms and other insects, alternating between the mother and her young—she, meanwhile, cheering them on, in their labor of love with the peculiar note which first led to the discovery of her situation.

Having watched this exhibition of charity for about half an hour, our informant relieved the mother bird. She immediately flew to her nest, expressing her gratitude by her sweetest notes. Her charitable friends, their 'occupation now being gone,' as the police reports have it, dispersed to their respective places of abode, singing as they went a song of joy.—*New Haven Herald.*

#### THE EWE AND THE LAMB.

The acuteness of the sheep's ear surpasses all things in nature that I know of. A ewe will distinguish her own lamb's bleat among a thousand, all braying at the same time. Besides, the distinguishment of voice is perfectly reciprocal between the ewe and the lamb, who amid the deafening sound, run to meet one another. There are few things that have ever amused me more than a sheep-shearing, and then the sport continues the whole day. We put the flock into a fold, set out all the lambs to the hill, and then set out the ewes to them as they are shorn. The moment that a lamb hears its dam's voice, it rushes from the crowd to meet her, but instead of finding the rough, well-clad, comfortable mamma which it left an hour, or a few hours ago, it meets a poor, naked, shrivelling—a most