great kindness, began to ask Robin where he had hurt himself, and how he did it.

"Oh," said he, "I am much better; but it is a wonder I am now alive, for you cannot think what a dreadful fall I had. With turning about as I did in the air I became quite giddy, so could not make the least exertion for saving myself as I was falling, and came with great force to the ground; you see how my eye is still swelled, and it was much more so at first. My wing is the worst, and still gives me a great deal of pain; observe how it drags on the ground; but as it is not broke, my father says it will soon be well, and I hope it will be so, for I long to be flying, and shall be glad to receive any instructions for the future. I cannot think how I could be so foolishly conceited as to suppose I knew how to conduct myself without my father's guidance."

"Young creatures like us," said Pecksy, "certainly stand in need of instruction, and we ought to think ourselves happy in having parents who are willing to take the trouble of teaching us what is necessary for us to know. I dread the day when I must quit the nest and take care of myself." Flapsy said she made no doubt they would know how to fly and peck and do everything before that time; and for