since no one contracts them by choice; and what appears disagreeable to you may be pleasing in the eyes of another. Besides, you should be particularly careful not to insult strangers, because you cannot know their deserts, nor what power they may have of revenging themselves. You may think yourself happy if you never meet one of these owls by night, for I assure you they often feed upon little birds like us, and you have no reason to think they will spare you after the affront you have given them. But come, let us fly on.” However, before we give any further account of their adventures, let us return to their benefactors.