sent situation, considering all things; on which he
resumed his cheerfulness, and giving a sprightly
twitter, hopped into Frederick's hand, which was
spread open to receive him. The rest then flew
away, and Harriet and her brother prepared for
their morning tasks.

The redbreasts alighted as usual to drink in the
courtyard, and were preparing to return to the
orchard, when Flapsy expressed a desire to look a
little about the world, for she said it would be very
mopish to be always confined to the orchard; and
Dicky seconded her request. Pecksy declared that,
however her curiosity might be excited, she had
known so much happiness in the nest, that she was
strongly attached to the paternal spot, and could
gladly pass her life there. The parents highly com-
mended her contented disposition; but her father
said that as there was nothing blameable in the in-
clination Dicky and Flapsy expressed for seeing the
world, provided it was kept within due bounds, he
would readily gratify it. Then asking if they were
sufficiently refreshed, he took wing, and led the way
to a neighbouring grove, where he placed his little
tribe among the branches of a venerable oak. Here
their ears were charmed with a most enchanting
concert of music. On one tree a blackbird and a