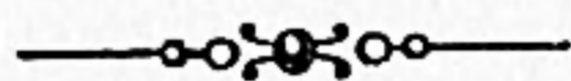


THE CANARY AND THE MOUSE.

What do they say in Baby-Land?
Why, the oddest things:
Might as well
Try to tell
What a birdie sings.

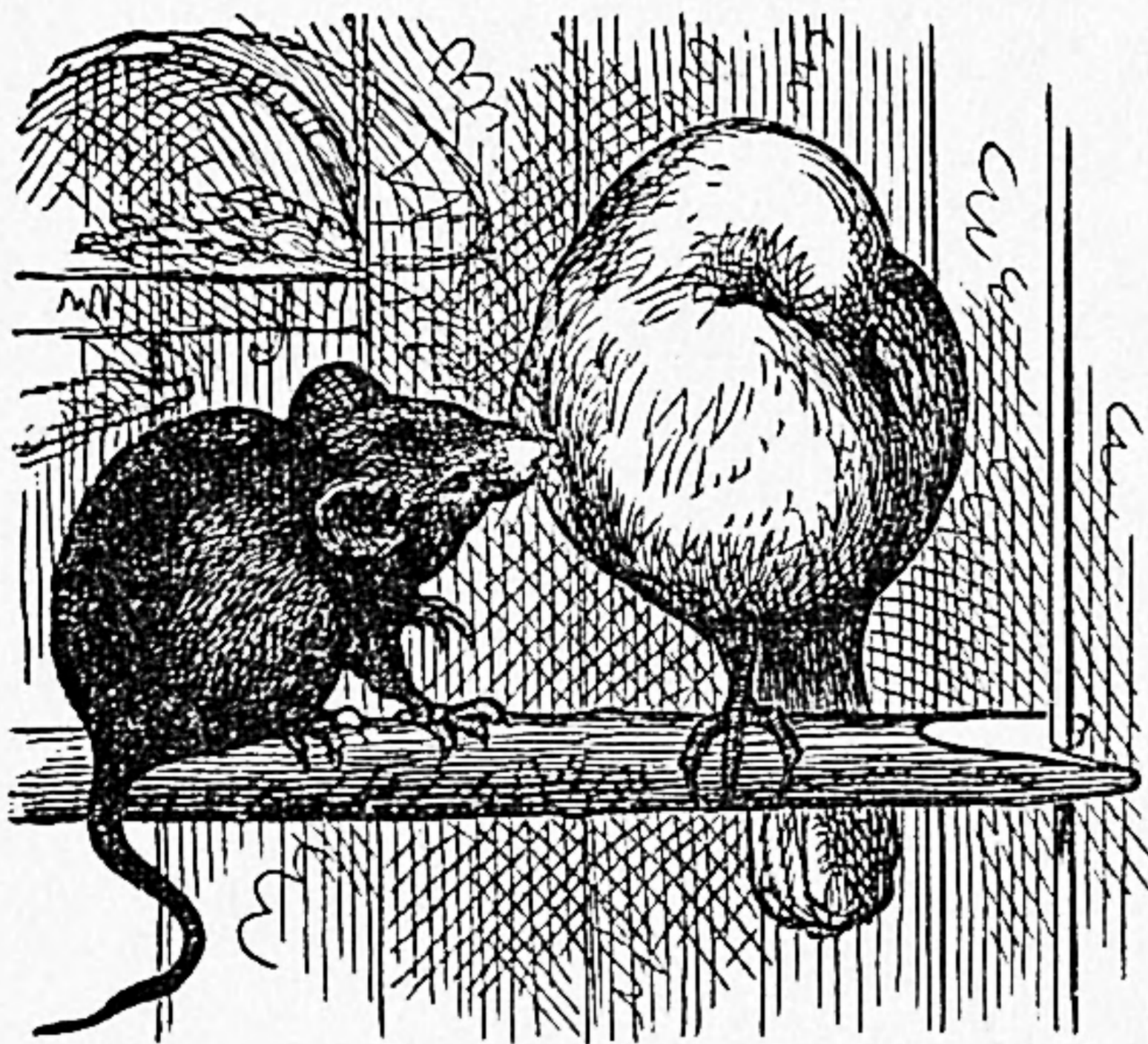
Who is the Queen of Baby-Land?
Mother, kind and sweet;
And her love,
Born above,
Guides the little feet!

GEORGE COOPER.



THE CANARY AND THE MOUSE.

PART II.



I PROMISED to tell something more about the mouse, and what became of him.

At different times I saw him running round the room. Always the canary would seem delighted, and would fly after him. I soon was sure that he visited Parson's cage every night; for the seed in the morning would be almost gone. But I did not know how very intimate the bird and the mouse were.

One evening I returned home late. As I lighted my lamp, I heard a noise in the cage. I was very quiet, so as to see what was going on. The mouse was there! Parson was fast asleep on his perch, with his little head tucked