

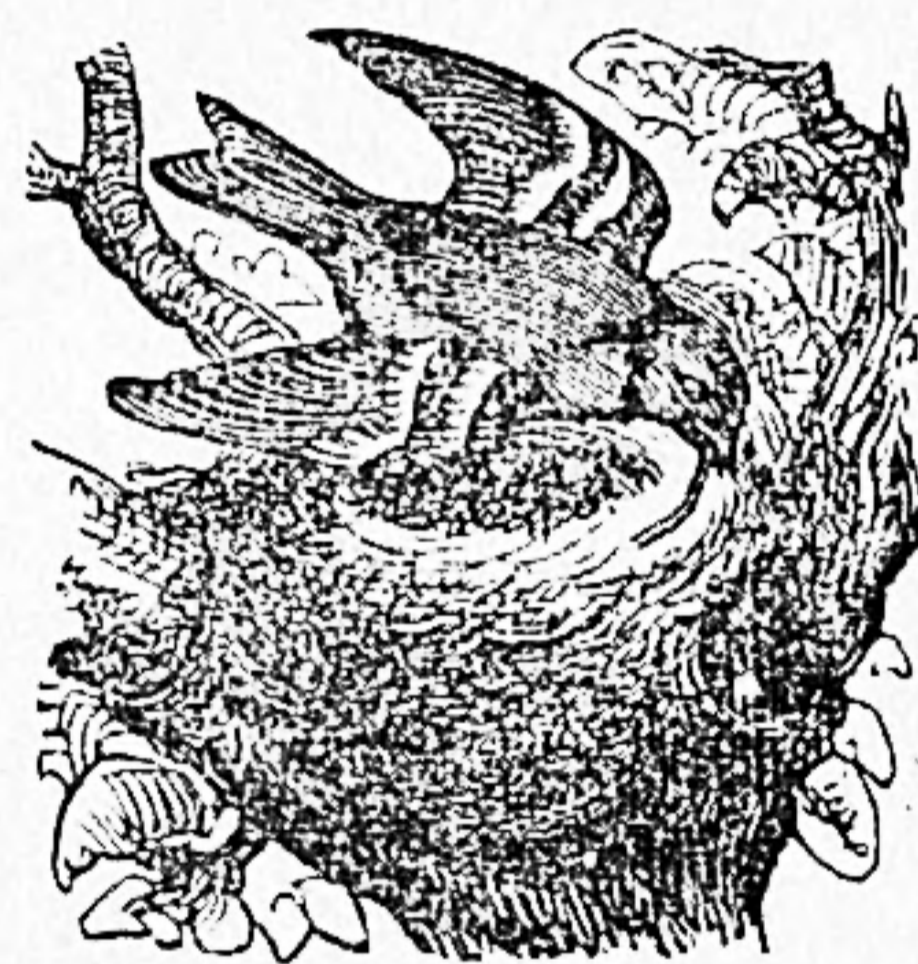
THE TRADESPEOPLE.

The woodpecker is hard at work :
A carpenter is he ;
And you may find him hammering
His house high up a tree.



The bullfinch knows and practises
The basketmaker's trade :
See what a cradle for his young
The little thing has made !

Of all the weavers that I know,
The chaffinch is the best :
High on the apple-tree he weaves
A cosey little nest.



The goldfinch is a fuller :
A skilful workman he !
Of wool and threads he makes a nest
That you would like to see.

The cuckoo laughs to see them work :
“ Not so,” he says, “ we do :
My wife and I take others' nests,
And live at ease — cuckoo ! ”

JULIUS STURM.

