THE

Red Squirrel.



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RED SQUIRREL.



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THE pretty red Squirrel lives up in a tree,

A blithe little creature as ever can be:

the stock dove broods,

Far in the shade of the green summer woods.



His food is the young juicy cones of the pine,

And the milky beech nut is his bread and wine.

In the joy of his heart, he frisks with a bound,

To the topmost twigs, then down to the ground,

Then up again like a winged thing,

And from tree to tree with a vaulting spring;



Then he sits up aloft and looks waggish and queer,

As if he would say, "Ay, follow

me here !"

And then he grows pettish and stamps with his foot,

And then independently he cracks his nut.

But small as he is, he knows he may want,

In the bleak winter weather when food is so scant,

So he finds a hole in an old tree's core.

And there makes his nest, and lays up his store;

Then when cold winter comes, and the trees are bare,

When the white snow is falling and keen is the air,



He heeds it not, as he sits by himself

In his warm little nest, with his nuts on his shelf.

O, wise little squirrel; no wonder that he

In the green summer woods is as blithe as can be.





A GOAT.



AN IBER.



