

Nō'rà lōne'ly brēad shōul'der
 clōse quī'et mīlk thēm sēlves'
 tāme gēn'tle eō'zŷ erūmbŷ

THE SQUIRRELS.

Little Nora lives in a log house close by the green woods. She has no sisters, and her brothers are at work on the farm all day long.

There is no other house near, and it is not often that Nora sees any other girls. Yet she is not lonely; for she has many little friends that live in the woods. Here is one of them.



How did Nora teach the squirrel to be so tame? Nora came to the woods often, and was always so quiet and gentle that the squirrels soon found they need not be afraid of her.

She brought her bread and milk to eat under the trees, and was sure to leave crumbs for the squirrels.

When they came near, she sat very still and watched them. So, little by little, she made them her friends, till, at last, they would sit on her shoulder and eat from her hand.

Squirrels build for themselves summer houses. These are made of leaves, and sticks, and moss. They are pleasant and cool for summer, but would never do for the winter cold and snow.

So these wise little people find a hollow in an old tree. They line it with soft moss and leaves and make it very cozy and warm; and there they live all winter.

wōve bough sprāng trēm ble trāck
 thrēads sprŷ heārt pēcked hāste

THE ROBIN'S STORY.

I built me a nest
 In the old oak tree —
 As pretty a nest
 As ever could be.