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TO MY LITTLE INDIAN NIECES,
THESE STORIES, ABOUT THE LIVING THINGS AT HOME,
ARE AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.

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THE MARTINS.

I DARE say you all know that the swallows leave us in the winter, and come back in the spring. The swallows that build their nests under the eaves, are called house martins; and it is about a pair of these I am going to tell you.

It was the end of April when they arrived, and if they could have spoken, they must have had a great deal to tell about the warm countries, where they spent the winter; but as it was, they twittered merrily together and played about, and rested themselves after their long journey.