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PART THE FIRST.

*FABLES CONSISTING OF WORDS NOT EXCEEDING
ONE SYLLABLE.*

FABLE I.

THE WOLF AND THE SICK ASS.

ONCE on a time, when an old Ass was sick, the fame of it spread far and near; and some did not fear to say that she would die the next night. Our sly rogue of a Wolf had the luck to hear of it; on which he went to the young Ass (the son of the old one) with a 'How do you do, my dear? Ah, poor child!' adds he, 'I grieve for you as much as I can. They tell me your good old Dam is at the point of death. Is it true? pray how does she do now, poor soul?'—'Do!' said the young Ass; 'why, she is not so bad yet by a great deal as you would have her be; and if you wait for her dead corpse to make a meal of, you will wait a long while, I hope.'

MORAL.

Bad men speak kind words to gain their own bad ends :
we should take care how we trust to them.

FABLE II.

THE WOLF, THE FOX, AND THE APE.

THE Wolf once took up the Fox for a theft, and sent him to gaol. A wise Ape was to be the judge. The Fox, being a rogue, stood up with a bold face, and said he had done no such thing as the Wolf was so base as to charge him with : 'No, not he ; he had been bred up too well for that !' When the Ape had heard both sides, he thus put an end to their cause : 'Friend Wolf,' said he, 'I do not think in my heart that you have lost what you say you have : and as to you, good Sir Fox, I must be so free as to tell you, that I make no doubt but you stole the goods which are laid to your charge ; and so good-bye to you both.'

MORAL.

No wise man will pay any heed to what is said by a rogue,
or by one who is known to tell lies.