7. *The Fox and the Cock.*

A Dog and a Cock set out together on a journey. When it grew night the Dog crept into the hollow of a tree and the Cock on the top of it, put up his quarters for the night. At midnight the Cock as usual raised his cry, which was no sooner heard by a prowling Fox, than he approached in a great hurry to the tree highly praising the voice of the Cock. „Ay!“ cried he, „could I but make the acquaintance of him, who delights me so much by his singing! Why do not you come down to me, that I may embrace you?“ „Do but speak to my watch below,“ the cunning Cock replied, „that he opens my door and I shall be with you directly.“ The Fox gladly hastened to the foot of the tree to execute this order; but there he was immediately seized by the Dog, and torn to pieces.

Application.

Harm watch, harm catch! The prudent Cock well knew the Fox to be a sworn enemy of his sex and tried to frustrate his hypocrisy by similar craft.

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