11. *The Nurse and the Wolf.*

A Wolf, who chanced to be prowling one evening near the door of a house, in search of a supper, heard the cry of a child, to which the Nurse threatening said: „If you be not quiet, the Wolf shall come and devour you!“ The Wolf believing the woman to be in earnest, waited a long while about the house, in expectation of seeing her words made good; but seeing himself disappointed, he at last withdrew. A short time after, paſsing the same house again, he recollected the words of the Nurse, and resolved to listen, whether he should have the child that day; however the Nurse just carreſsed and kiſsed it, calling it by the most tender names, and at last said. „If the Wolf comes now, my dear, we will kill him.“ The Wolf withdrew in a very bad humour, saying to himself; „it is not good to treat with people, that speak otherwise, than they think!“

Application.

Threats are nothing but bursts of anger, or wrath, which most men use to indulge their feelings at the expence of frightening others but there is another kind of threatening, the execution of which is often very beneficial to the person threatened. From this Fable, the particular Leſson is to be taken, that a third being in case he believes to profit of the discord of two other ones, may be very much deceived, if he believes to found his hopes on the menaces which both parties urge to one an other.