14. *The Fox and the Buck.*

A Fox and a Buck by chance descended into a well, in order to drink, but having quenched their thirst, both slipped and tumbled into it. The Buck endeavoured at all sides to get out again, but in vain. „*Don't trouble yourself so much*“ *said the Fox to him,* „*we will mutually afsist one another in getting safely out, you only want to place yourself upright at the wall of the well, and I being light and nimble, will climb over you, and as soon as I am out, I shall help you to your liberty again.*“ *The Buck instantly followed the advise of the Fox, who quickly took the advantage of his horns, leaping out of the well. The Buck expected now the Fox would keep his promise of afsisting him, but this rogue made merry at the disagreable situation of his companion, saying sarcastically to him.* „*If you had only half so much brains, as your beard has hairs, you would have thought sooner on the means of getting out, before you fell in.*

Application.

***Before** risking a dangerous enterprise, it is necefsary to consider how to come off again in any unhappy case. Those who, in any critical undertaking always fear the worst event will before undergoing the performance certainly make preparations of securing themselves in a fatal result, at least for a total ruin. At every important action therefore, consider the consequences that may probably arise from it. This Fable teaches us furthermore, how easily we become unhappy, by afsisting faithlefs and perfidious people.*

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