16. *The Wolf and the Crane.*

A Wolf, greedily devouring his prey, happened to have a bone stick in his throat, which gave him much pain and nearly choaked him. In his agony he went howling up to a Crane and begged him to draw the bone out with his long neck. „Release me from this pain said the Wolf, and you shall have a princely reward!“ The compaſsionate Crane undertook the buſineſs, ventured his long bill into the rapacious felon's throat, and was so happy as to pluck it out. Demanding now the promised gratuity, the Wolf turned his eyes disdainfully towards him and cried with a sneer. „How! you speak yet of a reward, I had your head in my mouth, and could have bit it off, whenever I pleased, but suffered you to take it away without any damage. Be contented with that and speak no more of it.

Application.

Thus tyrants use to reward received services. A bad man accustomed to injure every body, believes to have rewarded the received benevolence of his fellow creatures, if he does not let them feel his baseneſs.

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