43. *The Beaver.*

The Beaver who lives chiefly in the water, where he builds his house, was once tempted to take a walk on shore. All on a sudden he saw himself persecuted by several dogs and well knowing he was principally hunted for his bag, (the contents of which is said to be of great use in medicine), he bit it off, with his sharp teeth and left it to the dogs. By these means he had the start of them, for when the dogs allured by the smell, fell upon it, he had already reached his subterraneous lodge, and was safe.

Application.

Of two evils it is always prudent to choose the least. If, by the loss of one of our limbs, we can save our lives, reason as well as duty command us to make such sacrifice. A resolute and sensible man, will fain give up part of his fortune to save the remaining.

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