55. *The Boar and the Aſs.*

A well harneſsed Aſs happening to meet with a Boar, had the impudence to make merry with him and to be arch upon him. — „And so, brother,“ says he, „your humble servant.“ The Boar nettled at his familiarity, showed his teeth, bristled up to him, and was just going to make the wretch atone for it, by giving him a rip in the flank, but suddenly he stifled his paſsion, and contented himself with only saying, „Go along! you sorry beast, mock at me as much as you please, I shall never mind it, but do not forget that you are an Aſs, and this is reason enough to protect you against my revenge.

Application.

The vulgar find a tickling in making merry at and degrading those, who have a higher rank than themselves in human society. Men of honour and good breeding, though they have authority and power to punish such insolence, despise them and think no offences of them worthy their resentment.

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