58. *The Peacock and the Crane.*

One day the Peacock and the Crane took a walk together, the former erected his beautiful tail, displayed his gaudy plumes, and with proud words challenged the Crane to show as fine a tail. The Crane suddenly, rose a little into the air; calling to the vain Peacock to follow him, if he was able! „You admire your plumes,“ continued he, „and very fine they are indeed, but they are not useful, there now see me, how I cut through the vast air with my wings carrying myself to all corners of the world. Saying this, he soared above the clouds.“

Application.

It is foolish, and a want of good breeding to deride and mock at a man, for his ugly or frail body, it is often inhabited by a sublime mind, together with a multiferal cultivated understanding, sufficiently indemnifying him for the want of exterior beauty. Every person has to a certain degree, his own excellences, and it scarce wants mentioning that those of the mind are preferable to those of the body.

UB Braunschweig http://www.digibib.tu-bs.de/?perid=00000592&imgid=00000062.jpg