90. *The Cat and the Cock.*

A Cock one day unfortunately fell into the paws of a Cat, whose intention it was to devour him. But in order to give to this shameful action, at least an appearance of justice, the Cat cried, „thief," why dost thou, by thy disagreable shrill cry, disturb every body's sleep at midnight? „You do me wrong," replied the Cock entreating, „I only crow, when the morning dawns and wake people to their daily work, who therefore rather love than hate me!" „Ay, look ye!" returned the Cat scoffing — „how cunning he goes about, to turn the matter into his favour, but that shall not help thee through with me, and as I have just now too great an appetite as to enter into particulars, receive then thy deserved punishment!" At these words she worried the poor Cock.

Application.

The unmoral and bad man, always finds a pretext to justify his bad actions; however he can but for some time succeed in deceiving the world; his true character will soon be looked through and as a hypocrite and false man he will be detested and shunned.

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