97. *The Eagle and the Crow.*

An Eagle made a stoop at a Lamb, pounced it, and then instantly flying up into the air again, bore it easily aloft. A Crow observing this exploit, resolved to make a trial, whether he poſseſsed the same strength, so flying down upon the back of another Lamb, he unfortunately entangled his claws in the wool, and attempting to fly, was taken by the shepherd, hastening to the scene. He rallied at his foolish entreprize, clipped the wings of the Crow, and carried him home for his children to play with, saying, „See here a Crow, that fancied himself an Eagle.“

Application.

It is not always well done to imitate a person, that is superior to us in strength of mind and body. No body can do more than his faculties allow; whoever therefore does ambitiously undertake a thing he is incapable of, has very often besides the ridicule, great disadvantage.

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