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## FABLES \*)

### A COCK and a PRECIOUS STONE.

**A**s a Cock was scratching upon a Dunghill, he turned up a precious Stone. Well, says he, this sparkling Foolery to a Jeweller would have been something; but to me, a Barley-Corn is worth an hundred Diamonds.

#### MORAL.

*A wise Man will always prefer Things necessary before Matters of Curiosity, Ornament or Pleasure.*

### A FROG, MOUSE and KITE.

**T**here happened once a terrible Quarrel betwixt the Frogs and the Mice, about the Souverignty of the Fens; and whilst two of their Champions were disputing it with their utmost Might, down comes a Kite powdering upon them, and gobbles up both together.

### A LION, BEAR and FOX.

**A** Lion and Bear had so long fought over a Fawn which they killed, that they were glad to lie down and take Breath. In which Instant a Fox passed that Way; and finding how the Case stood with the two Combatants, he seized upon the dead Fawn, and scampered quite away with him. The Lion and the Bear, not being in Condition to rise and hinder it, pass'd this Reflection upon the Matter: Here we have been worrying one another who should have the Booty, till this treacherous Fox has bobb'd us both.

#### MORAL of the two Fables.

*When Fools go together by the Ears, Knaves generally run away with the Stakes.*

A

A WOLF

\*) Aesop's Fables with instructive Morals and Reflections, by Mr. Richardson, Lond. 8. with Cuts.