

LESSON II.

THE FOX.

quad-ru-ped	strat-a-gems	vine-yard
muz-zle	char-ac-ter	Phil-is-tines
e-rect	prov-erb	Her-od
re-si-dence	fre-quent-ly	te-trarch
crev-ice	pre-ci-pice	Gal-i-lee
de-struct-ive	for-tu-nate	craf-ti-ness
nox-i-ous	dis-cov-er	al-lu-sion
con-sti-tute	Rey-nard	des-ti-tute
con-ti-nent	Scrip-ture	gra-ti-tude

The fox is a quadruped of the dog kind. This animal is found in almost every quarter of the world. His colour is brown; he has a sharp muz-zle; his ears are erect and pointed; and his tail is straight and bushy, and tipped with white. His usual residence is a den or large burrow formed under the surface of the ground, or in some deep crevice of a rock. This he seldom leaves till the evening; and then he prowls about the woods and fields for food, till the morning. He feeds on hares, rabbits, poultry, feathered game, moles, rats, and mice; and he is known to be very fond of fruit. He runs down hares and rabbits, by pursuing them like a slow-hound. His voice is a sort of yelping bark.

Although the fox is very destructive to poultry and game, and sometimes takes the liberty of carrying off or devouring a lamb, he is of service to mankind, by destroying many kinds of noxious