

We have not changed our station, we are happy, we will aid our friend Jeannot.

45. Be no longer a marquis, all the pomp of this world is not worth a good friend. You shall return home with me, I will teach you a trade ; I will take you into partnership, and we will live happy where we were born.

46. Jeannot confused, felt divided between sorrow and joy, love and shame. He said to himself : All my fashionable friends have betrayed me, and Colin, whom I have despised, alone comes to my help.

47. He felt he could not forsake his father and mother ; the world had not yet stifled the germ of his better nature.

48. We will take care of your mother, said Colin, and as to your father, who is in prison, I understand business ; his creditors seeing that he has nothing more, will readily come to terms ; I shall manage it all myself.

49. Colin succeeded so well that he got the father out of prison. Jeannot returned to his birthplace with his parents, who resumed their former condition. He married a sister of Colin ; and Jeannot the father, Jeannotte the mother, and Jeannot the son understood at last that happiness does not consist in vanity.

DEAF AS A POST.

50. About five o'clock, one winter's evening, a gentleman on horseback, stopped at an inn which was full of travellers.

51. He rode into the yard, and, calling the ostler very loud, said : there, take care of my horse and put him in the stable.

52. We have no room, said the ostler, the stable is full. Yes, yes, replied the gentleman, seeming not to hear, I will think of you to-morrow morning. But I tell you, there is no room. Ay, ay, give him oats, and as much hay as he will eat, said the traveller ; and leaving his horse, he made his way into the house.