

3. *Moral.*—Bad men often perish by the very means which they use for the ruin of others.

THE DOG, THE COCK, AND THE FOX.

1. A dog and a cock were travelling together. The dog spent the night in the hollow of a tree, and the cock perched on the branches. About midnight the cock began to crow as usual.

2. A fox, who was on the watch, had no sooner heard him, than he drew near the tree on purpose to seize him.

3. He began by coaxing the cock to make him come down, saying that he had never heard anything more charming than his voice, and that there was nothing in the world he would not do to have the joy of embracing one who had just given him such a pretty song.

4. "Ask the porter below," said the cock, "to open the door for you, and I am at your service."

5. The fox did as he was told, and the dog at that moment leaped upon him and tore him to pieces.

6. *Moral.*—People now-a-days think only of deceiving one another, and the day is won by the man who does it best.

THE CROW AND THE FOX.

1. A crow had perched himself on a tree to eat a piece of cheese which he held in his beak.

2. A fox seeing him, was tempted to take the cheese from him. In order to deceive the crow, he began to praise the beauty of his plumage.

3. The fox, seeing that the crow liked his praises, said, "If your voice is as lovely as your body, you must be the most charming of all birds."