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the dirt. It is as disagreeable to see a young man throw himself into conversation with an assuring air upon a subject of which he knows nothing, as for a child of three months old to be left to go without its leading-strings.

And here it may not be improper to say something by way of application to this whole book. It is not expected that they who are versed and hackneyed in the paths of life should trouble themselves to pursue these little loose sketches of morality. Such may do well enough without them. They are written for the benefit of the young and inexperienced. If they do but relish the contents of this book so as to think it worth reading over two or three times, it will have attained its end; and should it meet with such a reception, the several authors originally concerned in these Fables, and the present compiler of the whole, may be allowed not altogether to have misapplied their time in preparing such a collation for their entertainment.

The End.