

But all this had no Influence, and made no Impression upon the barbarous and unrelenting *Delphians*; and though *Æsop* shelter'd himself in *Apollo's Temple*, they dragg'd him thence, without any reverence to that Sanctuary, and conducted him to a ragged Precipice; whither approaching, he thus bespoke them; *You Citizens of Delphos, The Hare being pursued by the Eagle, retreated into the Nest of a Hornet: The Hornet implores the Eagle to compassionate the Hare: the Eagle with his wing repulses the Hornet, and destroys the Hare. The Hornet tracing out the Eagles Nest, invaded it, and demolish'd her Eggs. The Eagle (to decline the like Misfortune the second time) erects her Nest in an higher Airie. The Hornet pursues her with the same destructive Onsets. The Eagle (ignorant by what Artifice he might evade these injurious Assaults) soars up to Jupiter (whose Bird she is styl'd) and deposits her Eggs the third time, between the knees of the Deity, invoking his preservation and protection of them. The Hornet composing a Ball of Dirt, dropp'd it into the Lap of Jupiter; who not remembering the protected Eggs, shook off them and the Dirt together, destroying those which were intrusted to his patronage and tuition. But when he was informed from the Hornet that this was the Expiation of a former Injury, desirous that the Eagles progeny by these repeated Injuries might not languish into decay, endeavour'd that their mutual Feud might be entomb'd in a pacification. But the Hornet being refractory, Jupiter respited the Hatching of the Eagles, till that season the Hornets sally out. And you Citizens of Delphos, contemn not this Deity from whom I have implor'd a Refuge, though his Temple be narrow in its Dimensions.*

The *Delphians* inexpugnable to these Instructions, hurried him away to undergoe the fatal Execution of the Sentence. Which when *Æsop* discover'd, and that no soft compli-
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