



A sad disaster in a Neighbouring well
A Fox engag'd, who from that watery cell
With hollow prayers did a neare wolfe implore
That with quick ayd his freedome he'd restore
The wolfe then question'd, frend what gloomy fate

Did this black accident on you instate,
What Crooked traverse or what dire aspect
Did you to this moist residence direct.
Who halfe drown'd said, aske not how I came
But me instruct how to gett out agm:

Wounds of import'rance claime a speedy cure
Nor will prolixity of time indure.

FAB. VIII. *De Vulpes in Puteo.*

Vulpes & Caper sitibundi in quendam puteum descendebant, in quo quum perbibissent, Vulpes dixit circumspicienti redditum Capro, Bono animo esto Caper! Excogitavi etenim quo pacto uterq; reduces simus; obtemperavit consilio caper, et Vulpes ex Puteo prosiliens, præ gaudio in margine cursitabat, Cæterum quum ab Hirco ut fædifraga incusaretur, respondit, Enimvero Hirce, si tantum tibi sensus esset in Mente, quantum est setarum in mento, non prius in Puteum descendisses, quam de redditu exploratum habuisses.

MORALE.

Vir prudens debet finem explorare, antequam ad Rem peragendam veniat;
Finis enim coronat opus.

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