

THE DOG AND HIS REFLECTION

An Æsop Fable



THE STORY of THE DOG and HIS REFLECTION

A Dog was crossing a plank bridge over a stream with a piece of meat in his mouth, when he happened to see his own reflection in the water. He thought it was another dog with a piece of meat twice as big; so he let go of his own, and flew at the other dog to get the larger piece. But, of course, all that happened was that he got neither; for one was only a shadow, and the other was carried away by the current.

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

It's foolish to be greedy. He who takes what belongs to another deserves to lose what he has.