

phalia, the carriers, who conducted the inland traffic of the country used to unite themselves in large companies, in order that they might travel with greater security, and for their mutual defence against the marauding parties, which infested every part of the empire.

“ One of these carriers happened to possess a horse of an extremely vicious disposition. It was greatly addicted to biting and kicking, from which even its master was not always secure, and which often embroiled him with his fellow-travellers. One evening, while they were pursuing their journey, the party was attacked in a ravine by a band of hungry wolves, and, after a long contest, finding they should not be able to get quit of them without allowing them some prey, it was agreed that they should pay the owner of the vicious horse the price of the animal, and make a sacrifice of him to the wolves. The bargain was soon concluded, and on the horse being turned