

“WHEN THE ASS IS TOO WELL OFF, HE  
GOES DANCING ON THE ICE.”



UGH! One has to be very cautious in giving advice to man, with his “god-like gift of reason,” lest he take offence instead of a hint! So we put his folly upon a guiltless donkey or goose, and strike the moral home to the higher animal by a side blow.

A well-to-do donkey really wanting to dance upon ice, for instance—who ever heard of such a thing? But a well-to-do man, wanting to show off beyond his means, and take a place he is not fitted for!—ah! one has not to go far to look for him!

Still, there lies the donkey in the picture, and I must whisper a word in his long ears. “Why did you leave safe ground for slippery places, when you did not know how to skate safely across them?”