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The fourteenth Dialogue.

A Mistress tells the House-Wench her Business.

Mis. You Wench! *W.* What do You please, Madam? *M.* Is the Tea-Water not yet ready? *W.* Not yet, Madam, but the Water is boiling upon the Hearth. *M.* Why is it not yet boiled? *W.* Madam, The Cook did not come betimes, at his appointed Hour, and therefore it is so long. *M.* If he did fail to come, could not you put the Tea-Kettle over the Hearth-Place? *W.* Pray, Madam, Pardon me but to Day, for the future I will do accordingly. *M.* Where is the Tea-Table? *W.* It is within the Chamber. *M.* Bring it forth. *W.* Madam, What do You please to drink? *M.* Have we some Chocolate still? *W.* Madam, We have no more then five Bowls. *M.* Is there some Milk to be had? *W.* Madam, I will inquire. *M.* If there is Milk to be had, take three Bowls and make some Chocolate ready. *W.* Shall any Eggs be put therein? *M.* No, none at all, Don't you know the Way, how I like to drink? *W.* Madam, I know it very well. *M.* When you do understand it, how will you go on to work it? *W.* Madam, Without adding

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any Water, after the Milk is well boiled, I ſcrape the Bowls fine and ſmall, and put them in the Milk, duly crudling it with a tacked Stick. *M.* It is very well, do ſo. How many Tea-Diſhes are upon the Tea-Table? *W.* Madam, as You know, they are but ten. *M.* Take three Tea-Diſhes waſh them well, have a Care not to brake 'em. *W.* Madam, Shall I fetch the little Tea-Pot? *M.* Yes, Bring it hither. *W.* Madam, Shall I put in Tea? *M.* Don't put in green Tea, which I don't like, but put red Tea in, and bring it. *W.* Madam, Have You Occaſion for Sugar-Candy? *M.* Yes, I want ſome. *W.* Madam, What Sort of Sugar-Candy do You like? *M.* The white Sugar-Candy is all gone. We have ſtill ſome Brown Sugar-Candy, bring ſome of that. *W.* How many little Spoons will there be Occaſion for? *M.* We are but three. *W.* Madam, I will bring then but three accordingly. *M.* How many Pounds of Coffee-Berries have we ſtill? *W.* I believe, there are about two Pounds or leſs. *M.* How is it posſible, that ſo much is ſpent already? *W.* Madam, In the wet Seaſon You drunk moſt every Day Coffee, and from thence comes the Expence thereof. *M.* Yes, Yes, to be ſure it is. *W.* Madam, Beſides this don't You want any Thing for Breakfaſt? *M.* Yes, Bring then here Bread, Butter, dry Salt-Fiſh, three Knifes, three

Forks

Forks and three Napkins. *W.* Madam, Do you want ſomewhat elſe more? *M.* At preſent I do not want any Thing elſe.

The fifteenth Dialogue.

The Maſter talkes with the Cook, and orders, what he deſires to eat every Day in the Week.

Mis. Are You the new Cook? *Co.* Yes, Sir. *M.* Are you alſo a Thief too? *C.* Pray, Sir, don't think ſo, I am not ſuch a one. *M.* But, as far as I know, all the Cooks in this Country are Thieves. *C.* Let it be, as it will; for my Part I am not a Thief. *M.* That I ſpeak ſuch a Word to you, I have Reaſon for, becauſe I had ſome Time ago in one Month three Cooks, but being altogether Thieves, I ſoon turned them away. *C.* Yes, Sir, Some of them may be Thieves, but pray don't think thus of me. *M.* Very well, I ſhall obſerve you; But where have you ſerved as a Cook before? *C.* Firſt I have done the Service of a Cook on Board a Ship, afterwards I ſerv'd ſome Gentlemen. *M.* What Sort of Victuals do you know to dreſs? *C.* I ſhall dreſs all Sort of Meat, whatever You may like. *M.* It is wery well, but you muſt dreſs me every Day divers Sorts of Victuals.