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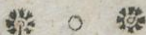
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The twentieth Dialogue.

*A Gentleman observes a great Number
of Beggars in the Street and asks
his Tupas the Matter
thereof.*

Mr. You, *Muttu*, come let us take a Walk
on Foot within the Town. *Mu.* Through
what Street shall we pass? *M.* We will go
through *Narappanaykens* Street. *Mu.* Sir, Won't
You go to the Place, where the Elephants
are kept? *M.* No, Look there about,
Muttu, what People is that before this large
House? *Mu.* Sir, They are all but poor
Beggars. *M.* For what do they sit there by
Turns or in Course? *Mu.* Sir, The good
Man of the House gives every Body some
thin Rice-Broth. *M.* Will then this Land-
lord give to all the People Vessels, or must
every Body provide himself with his own
Bowl? *Mu.* Sir, They bring their own Plat-
ters with. *M.* How many are they? *Mu.* Sir,
I believe there are hundred. *M.* How many
Times a Week will the Proprietor of this
House give such a Meal? *Mu.* Sir, But once
a Week. *M.* But how will these poor People
get their Food the other Days? *Mu.* Sir,
Besides this Landlord, there are still five and
six good Men more, which do the same.
M. Is



M. Is that in this Town a Custom to give all Times thin Rice-Broth to the Poor? *Mu.* No, Sir, This Custom begun but some Times ago. *M.* By what Means is grown this Thing into such a Use in this Place. *Mu.* Sir, As formerly was a general Want of Provision, some-well-minded Lords were so kind as to give boiled Rice-Broth to the poor People; but, although the Famine was passed by and over, some Benefactors found Reason to continue the same in doing still so. *M.* Are then all these Beggars miserable poor People? *Mu.* Sir, The very miserable poor People are few, but the Crew of idle People, which join themselves to those, is a great Number of wicked ones. *M.* Don't talk so! *Mu.* Sir, I speak nothing but the Truth, because the Slaves in the Country-Portuguese-Houses will often Times come and sit down among the Beggars, and after they have got the Rice-Broth, they will carry it home to feed the Fowls & Hogs therewith. *M.* To perform the Work of Charity, is Virtue by all Means, because God Almighty has created both the Rich ones and the poor Men. Now the rich People are like Gods Stewards; God Almighty bestows Charity, but his Stewards, the rich Men, must distribute them among the Poor. *Mu.* Sir, The People in this Country do not think so. *M.* Pray, What do they think? *Mu.* Their Meaning,
Intent

Intent and Purpose is this, that what they give to the Poor, God Almighty is obliged thereby, to give them all again with good Interest and Profit. *M.* That is very erroneous and wrong, seeing the rich People are but Gods Stewards, and not the Benefactors selves, all the Honour & Praise must of Necessity return to God Almighty, and not to his Stewards, the rich ones. *Mu.* Sir, That is all very true, but I never have heard the like before. *M.* Yes, It may be so: You did never hear this before, but I tell you what, there are many Things still, you want to learn. *Mu.* Very well, Sir, Must we then now in such Manner give Alms? *M.* Yes, But besides this, you must know the right Manner to give Alms, because we must look the poor People a little fuller in the Face. *Mu.* How so, what signifies that? *M.* Our Duty is, not only to take Care of the poor Peoples Body, but of their Souls too. *Mu.* Sir, How will that be done? *M.* Many Times are the poor People, both poor-ones of the Body and Soul together; therefore is it most reasonable to bestow Charity first to their Souls. *Mu.* Sir, How will that be? *M.* When all the poor People are gathered together, we may give them first a good Advice to live well in the Fear of God, and after this is done, we may bestow them the Alms. *Mu.* Sir, In this Town is no any Body, that does so. *M.* I know

M. I know this very well , but I have been in other Towns too , where I observed with Pleasure this good Manner in giving Alms to the Poor.

The one and twentieth Dialogue.

*The Tupafs manifestes to the Mistress the
Cooks Roguery.*

Tup. Madam , I have somewhat , to give You Notice of. *Mis.* What is that ?
T. Madam , The new Cook is the greatest Thief of the World. *M.* How so ? That I never shall tolerate. *T.* Madam , For all that he is a light fingered Fellow. *M.* How know you this ? *T.* Madam , I have observed his Theft in many Things. *M.* Tell me the whole Matter , how all this has been ? *T.* Madam , When he shall buy for two *Fannams* Fire-Wood , and he buyes only the Half , namely fifty Sticks , is this not a Thievery ? *M.* Ah ! Heretofore , when I bought for two *Fannams* Sticks , it was enough for nine Days , now at present he brings the Account of two *Fannams* for Wood within the Space of five Days , the Reason thereof must needs be , he steales. *T.* And thus You know now ,
Madam ,