

THE BUYER AND THE ASS.

(From Aesop's Fables)

A man is known by the Company he Keeps

A MAN wished to purchase an Ass, and agreed with its owner that he should try out the animal before he bought him. He took the Ass home and put him in the straw-yard with his other Asses, upon which the new animal left all the others and at once joined the ones that were most idle and the greatest eaters of all.

Seeing this, the man put a halter on him and led him back to his owner. On being asked how, in so short a time, he could have made a trial of him, he answered, "I do not need a trial; I already know that he will be like the companions he kept."