**The Boasting Traveler**

by Aesop

A MAN who had traveled in foreign lands boasted very much, on returning to his own country, of the many wonderful and heroic things he had done in the different places he had visited. Among other things, he said that when he was at Rhodes he had leaped to such a distance that no man of his day could leap anywhere near him - and as to that there were in Rhodes many persons who saw him do it, and whom he could call as witnesses. One of the by-standers interrupting him, said: Now, my good man, if this be all true, there is no need of witnesses. Suppose this to be Rhodes; and now for your leap.

## THE TRAVELERS AND THE PURSE

Two men were traveling in company along the road when one of them picked up a well-filled purse.

"How lucky I am!" he said. "I have found a purse. Judging by its weight it must be full of gold."

"Do not say '*I* have found a purse,'" said his companion. "Say rather '*we* have found a purse' and 'how lucky *we* are.' Travelers ought to share alike the fortunes or misfortunes of the road."

"No, no," replied the other angrily. "*I* found it and *I* am going to keep it."

Just then they heard a shout of "Stop, thief!" and looking around, saw a mob of people armed with clubs coming down the road.

The man who had found the purse fell into a panic.

"We are lost if they find the purse on us," he cried.

"No, no," replied the other, "You would not say 'we' before, so now stick to your 'I'. Say '*I* am lost.'"

*We cannot expect any one to share our misfortunes unless we are willing to share our good fortune also.*