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**LECON D'ANGLAIS D'APRÈS LA MÉTHODE NATURELLE**

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In the first picture there are how many persons ? In the first picture there are three persons.

Which are they ; men, women, or children ? They are children.

Which are they, boys or girls ? There are two boys and one girl.

Where are they ? They are out of doors or they are in the open air.

Don't you think that your answer out-of-doors, or in the open air is very indefinite, very vague ? No, sir, I don't think it is indefinite or vague at all.

Is not *out-of-doors* a very big country ? Is not the *open air* a vast continent ? It is true, sir, that *out-of-doors* is a very big country and that the open air is a vast continent.

Therefore when you say that they are *out-of-doors*, that they are in the *open air*, you don't state where they really are, do you ? I state where they really are in the same manner as the soldiers at the front, writing home, let their people know where they are by giving their address as *somewhere in France*.

Do you consider *somewhere in France* to be a well defined, clear address ? No, sir, I don't.

Could you go to a ticket office and buy a ticket for a place called *somewhere in France* ? No, sir, I could not.

Then as indications of places : *in the-open-air, out-of-doors, somewhere in France* are all very vague, are they not ? Yes, sir, they are very vague.

Is where the children are the country or the town ? Please, sir, it is very hard to say positively, but I am pretty sure it is not the town.

Do you see many houses ? No, sir, I see only one house.

Now if it was the town would you not see many houses ? I suppose so.

Are you not sure of it ? No, sir, I am not certain of it ; the outskirts of towns are often almost completely devoid of houses and what I see may be in the outskirts of some large city.

Is there a road visible anywhere ? No, there is no road visible anywhere.

Is there a street anywhere to be seen ? No, there is not a street to be seen anywhere.

If neither road nor street is to be seen, it is evident that it is the country, is it not ? I suppose that you are right but it is not absolutely certain.

You have said that there is a house in the picture ; where are the children with respect to it ? I think that they are behind it.

Between the children and the house what is there ? There is a fence between the children and the house.