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THE FIRST SNOW.

THE first snow-fall is a time of great fun for the school-boys. It is apt to be a nice soft snow which will make capital snowballs, and won't hurt when they strike. It won't do boys any harm to have a good-natured game of snowballing. But they must keep their temper, and not get angry over it.

THE YOUNG FISHERS.

TOM and Ned attended school all summer. Sometimes they wanted to stay at home, but their mother is a very wise woman, and she always said no. They have learned that there is no use to tease their mamma to get to stay at home from school unless they are really sick, or unless there is some other very good reason. She is a woman who believes in keeping at a thing when you once begin, and doing it right. The next day after school was out, Tom asked her if they might go fishing that day. She told them that if they would promise her to be very careful not to get into deep water, they might go. They hardly ever fail to do what they promise, and for that reason she can trust them



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keep at school as we did. If we had played truant, like Henry Nelson and John Hutson, I am sure mother would not have told us we might come to-day."

"That's all so, Ned; and I'm going to keep on minding her, and doing just what I say I will do. It's the best way always."

Yes, boys, it's the best way always. You will have a far better time if you obey your parents, and then you know that's the only right way, for God himself says, "Children, obey your parents."

ON THE ROCK

"I RECOLLECT," says Spurgeon, "an anecdote of James Smith. He visited one of his members who was dying. He said to her, 'You are ailing.' 'Yes,' said she. 'Do you feel sinking?' She replied, 'What did you say, Mr. Smith?' He asked her whether she was sinking. She said, 'No! my dear minister! never ask such

a question of a child of God. Did you ever know a sinner sink through the rock? If I were standing upon the sand I might sink, but I am upon the Rock of ages!"

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