

with being lazy and careless in the management of his portion of the work ; and it was as much as Mrs. Dominion could do sometimes to prevent an open rupture between the twins. She regretted this the more, as previous to the union they had quarrelled in the same way, and she had hoped that after they came to live together under one roof, they would cease their wrangling.

It may be easily imagined, from what we have already seen of Uncle Samuel, that he chuckled heartily over these disputes in the Dominion household. "Ha!" thought he to himself, "this is but the beginning of the end, for if they go on much longer at this rate, I will have the whole family over—under my care ; and poor Mrs. Dominion will not look quite so happy as she did on that 1st of July, when I looked in at her window."

Now Uncle Samuel somehow or another shewed a great deal of ill-will towards both Willie and Johnny, more particularly the former. He was afraid, however, from a dread of Mrs. Britannia, to use any open measures of hostility against either of the boys. But he managed, in an underhand way, to annoy them on several occasions by sending a number of ragged good-for-nothing boys to pelt stones at them, trample over their gardens, and rob their henhouses, &c., &c. Both Willie and Johnny proved themselves more than a match for those "raggedy" boys, and "wholloped" them so severely on every occasion, that they ran back blubbering to Uncle Samuel, who of course had to afford them protection. The sly old fellow, in order to "make believe" that he had nothing to do with it, pretended to punish some of them, and in one