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Samuel been quieted than the row commenced again at home. It was Willie and Johnny at one time, and the next Bunsy and Sandy, and frequently the four elder boys pitched into their younger brother Toby, who, by this time, had grown to be quite a big boy and pretty well able to take care of himself. Columby, who had been adopted by Mrs. Dominion, notwithstanding Uncle Samuel's schemes against it, generally took sides with Toby; and so it went on until at last Mrs. Dominion was at her wits' ends; and Uncle Samuel slyly shook his old head, and, putting his finger to the side of his nose, exclaimed: "Ah, I told you so."

Things went on in this way until it began to look very serious; and there was every reason to fear a downright split amongst the Dominion boys. Mrs. Britannia even having no power to control them. At this stage the better judgment of the boys prevailed, and one day they all met together to talk over matters and see what could be done towards an amicable arrangement. In was then discovered that, although they professed to be governed by their motner, they, in reality, were not. Each boy, as it were, governed himself, and, therefore, when the six met at the common table it was hard to get them to agree on subjects about which each held an entirely different opinion from the others; and it was also found that this principle of each acting on his own hook, when out of the house, prevented him from working in consort with his brothers at home.

It was, therefore, decided that some plan must be adopted by which the brothers could feel a common interest in