

one in fact seemed to dread that the others would get a head of him; and thus they kept their poor mother in a constant stew.

This latter feeling was more plainly to be noticed between Willie and Johnny, who being twins, thought of course that one should not be allowed to over-reach the other. Willie, moreover, was a rank Protestant, and Johnny as rank a Catholic, and the two boys very foolishly allowed their religious prejudices to make their mother's home very miserable, by quarrelling and fighting over a subject the chief principle of which is "peace." Then again Johnny, knowing Willie to be a pushing sort of a fellow, used his utmost influence with his mother to prevent his twin brother from getting ahead of him.

Bunsy and Sandy, seeing the example set them by the elder boys, took it into their heads now and again to grumble and kick up their heels, and on certain occasions offended their mother greatly by expressing a wish to leave home and return to their former mode of living. They even at times hinted very seriously at going over to Uncle Samuel. There were many other excuses for quarrelling made use of by the four boys, but they were too numerous to mention here.

During all this time, notwithstanding the troubles in her family, Mrs. Dominion found her household affairs prospering, and felt the benefit of having her sons around her; indeed, if they had only agreed better together, she would have had nothing to complain about.

Willie used to continually taunt his brother Johnny, (and it must be confessed not altogether without reason)