

Johnny, it is true, felt as strong as Willie, but in reality he was not; for, unlike his brother, he was fonder of pleasure than work, and consequently his frame did not acquire that strength and power of endurance which is the invariable result of industrious habits; and it was therefore clearly to be seen that he would have to give way eventually before his more spirited and enterprising brother.

Mrs. Dominion found a good deal of difficulty in persuading Bunsy and Sandy to come home; and, had it not been for their Grandmother, it is very uncertain whether they would have come at all. The fact is, they felt very little interest in the family circle, and preferred being left to their own resources, the more so as they felt that at home they would be in the minority, on account of the great influence possessed by Willie and Johnny over their mother. Another reason for this strange want of affection on the part of Bunsy and Sandy, was the pernicious control which an uncle of theirs named Samuel exercised over them. This uncle was a sly crafty old fellow, and he tried his utmost to persuade the two boys to come and live with him instead of going home, thereby hoping to gain the benefit of their labour on his farm; and as both Bunsy and Sandy were experienced hands in the management of a boat, Uncle Samuel, who was passionately fond of sailing, felt that they would be of great service to him in assisting to take care of a favorite yacht in which he made a practice of sailing about.

To tell the truth the minds of the two boys were very much divided between a sense of duty to their mother