

THE BEAR-HUNTERS.

CHAPTER I.

The Tutor and Pupil.—On Board the *Nugget*.—The Education Question.—The Plans of the Emigrants.—William Arncliffe.—A fall into a Tar-bucket, and the consequences.

Two gentlemen were walking together through the pleasant gardens of ——— College; one, a tall, handsome, animated youth of twenty, the other of more mature years, of a mild, calm, intellectual countenance, who wore an air of dignity consistent with his position. In university parlance, they stood in the situation of tutor and pupil.

“I do not object, my dear Harold,” said the tutor, “to accompany you through the known and unknown regions of the Western world; but I feel a strong reluctance to commence our expedition in such rough style. Why, in the name of comfort and repose, do you choose to take your passage in a common emigrant ship, when you can command the conveniences of home by sailing in a first-rate steamer?”

“Because, Rodney, I am a whimsical fellow,” answered Harold. “What do I care for comfort and repose? I am young and healthy, and full of