

At first Uncle Samuel rode the high horse,-- spoke of receiving Toby and Columby as an equivalent for the losses he had sustained, and made several other propositions equally absurd ; but the whole matter was finally arranged by all parties agreeing to allow Samuel a share of the fishing grounds, and, at the same time, Mrs. Britannia gave the old rascal a certain sum of money which, in her honest heart, she believed she had a right to pay him. Uncle Samuel, on the other hand, agreed to live on more friendly terms with the Dominion boys, and to allow them certain privileges which came within his scope to grant them.

One benefit arising from this settlement between Uncle Samuel and Mrs. Britannia, was his allowing Mrs. Dominion the use of a road through his farm to connect Toby's garden with his mother's property ; for it unfortunately happened that a great many rocks, swamps and rapid streams intervened between Mrs. Dominion's farm and her youngest child's garden, thus making it a hard road for him to travel when he wished to visit his mother's house. And, by having the use of a part of Uncle Samuel's iron road, it made the route more convenient for both Mrs. Dominion and Toby, as well as being a benefit to Samuel, for the boy and his mother were sure to drop a few flowers here and there as they passed to and fro. Uncle Samuel now appeared more contented for a while and desisted from his tricks, and Mrs. Dominion was beginning to flatter herself that her troubles were indeed over at last.

But alas! for human expectations, no sooner had Uncle