BUTTONS.

"Button, button, who has the asked a glove that had button !

"I've got it," answered Jimmy's "I've several buttons in jacket.

"No," put in the closet door, "I have it myself; the carpenter gave it to me

"I had a dozen or so," said a heel

"Here's a bachelor's button," remarked a vase of flowers on the bureau.

"There's a button-wood tree in the garden," said the button-hooke: "I suppose you all grew

I know better than that," pouted the closet-door. "Mine grew the veins of the earth, where all the precious metals are found. It's a poor relation of theirs.

"An'l we," added a pair of ivory sleeve-buttons, "we grew in the land of the white elephant. We were carved from the tusks of the leader, who threaded the jungles and swam the rivers at

the head of his troops."
"My buttons," said the glove, "were nearly related to the gem which Cleopatra dissolved for Antony. They were mother-of-pearl, grown in the shell of the pearl oyster, for which divers risk

"That's something of a fish thought Jimmy's jacket. "My buttons are only glass; but glass is sometimes made of sand, and who knows but their atoms the sea-shore from India?''' may have been swept down to the sea-shore from 'farthest

"And I," whispered the bachelor's button, "I sprang from a tiny seed, with all my splendor of blue and purple wings, like the Afrite from the jar which the fisherman found on the beach. It is a miracle how I was packed away there !"-St. Nicholas.

"DIDN'T I, DAN?"

"Jimmy, have you watered my

horse this morning?

This was Mr. Harley's first visit Mr. Harley close with his nephews, and thus far he laid it on the table.

his horse's head homeward. in the bend of the road he met been dropped on the toilet- his nephews, Jimmy bearing a

gun over his shoulder.
"Did your father give you permission to carry that gun?" he

"Yes, sir," replied Jimmy;

"Of course he did," said Dan. "And of course I believe you, boot, looking rather down at the heel.

"And I have a hundred or "Jimmy, without your brother's word for it," said Mr. Harley.

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"Not always,

had vanished from his mind he looked as if he would like to necessary to send off a swarm, the when, two hours later, he turned vanish from his uncle's sight. he murmured, A worker maggot, or if "My dear boy, I was add of this," said Mr. Harley kindly.

"The boy who always speaks the door to the one in which this truth has no need to seek confirma- maggot is are cleared out, and the tion from another. Do you mean dividing walls are cut down, so to go through life always having that three ordinary cells are turned into one. The food which the " No. uncle; I'm going to try to worker worm has been feeding on speak the truth so that people will is removed, and the little creature believe me as well as Dan," said is supplied with a new kind of food,—a royal jelly. Change of Jimmy, impulsively. | food,—a royal jelly. Change of Mr. Harley spent the season food, a larger room, and a different more," yawned the easy-chair, but they don't belong to the working they don't belong to the working daze. Mr. Harley noticed his left he had the pleasure of hear-down instead of being horizontal, —these three changes of treatment -these three changes of treatment turn the bee that is developing from a worker into a queen. is different in her outer shape. different in almost all her organs, different in every instinct. There is nothing else in all nature that seems to me more

wonderful than this.

For fear that one queen may not come out all right the provident little creatures usually start two or three queen-cells at once. It is curious to watch the first queen as she comes out. She moves up and down the combs looking for other queen-cells, and if she finds one, she falls upon it in the greatest excitement, and stings her rival to death. Sometimes, by accident, two new queens come out at the same time; then it is wonderful to see the bees. They clear a space and bring the two rival queens together, and stand back to watch the fight. And it a royal fight indeed; a fight to the death, for they never give up till one or the other is fatally stung. The victor is then accepted as sovereign .- St. Nicholas.

A CHARACTERISTIC OF SELF-MADE MEN.

What they do, they do thoroughly. Many people know everything, and yet know nothing; they read on all subjects, but master no subject.

Robert Hall was once asked whether he thought Dr. Rippis a He replied that clever man? probably he was, naturally, but he had laid so many books on his brains that they could not move

nephew's confusion and rode on ing the people say, "What's come without further comment.

"This map of North America is says lately, 'didn't I, Dan?'"

Self-made men have read but few books, but how thoroughly they have mastered those few! horse this morning?

"Yes, uncle, I watered him; didn't I, Dan?" he added, turning to his younger brother.

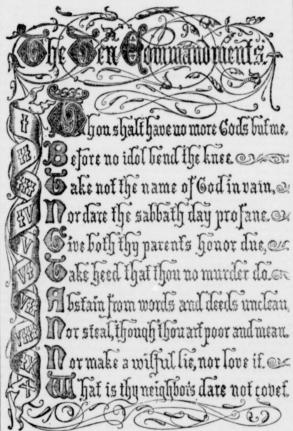
"Of course you did," responded book of drawings,

"This map of North America is says lately, then the same of North America is says lately.

Mr. Harley thought it was because Jimmy was gaining confidence in himself. Do you, children?—Little Sowr.

Source of North America is says lately, then the same of North America is says lately.

you can. Bees do not usually want more presume to scold me for? You



boys a moment, wondering a lock of conscious pride; then he little at Jimmy's words; then he rode away.

"didn't I, Dan?"

MAKING A QUEEN.

Mr. Harley closed the book and than one queen. In fact, they are a rich man, it is true, but didn't will not have more than one unless I know you when you were with his nephews, and thus far he had been pleased with their bright, intelligent faces and kind behavior. Still there was something in Jimmy's appeal to his brother that impressed him unfavorably, he could hardly tell why; but the cloud of disfavor

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