

at all times ;—it then becomes natural, and displays itself without effort on every occasion ; whereas those who are usually rude in their manners, when they are among their brothers and sisters either at play, at lessons, or at meals, find it is very difficult to behave properly at other times.

LESSON L I.

THE ECHO.

Sounds made by the voice or by any other cause, are borne upon the air, and are at last lost in the distance ; but if, in its way, the sound meets with any object, as a wall, a rock, the arch of a bridge, it bounds back again, and is heard in a softer tone. This happens, for instance, when a gun is fired ; the sound returns, as if a second gun had been fired off at a distance.

Once on a time, two little boys,—
 And naughty ones you'll say,—
 Resolved, before they went to school
 That they would truants play.