



THE CHILDREN
OF
MRS. DOMINION;
HOW THEY QUARRELLED, AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

MRS. DOMINION was a buxom widow, with a family of five sons, who, having lost her husband and not feeling herself altogether able to undertake the charge of the boys (they being rather troublesome youths), had allowed them pretty much to take care of themselves for some time. This arrangement, however, did not please their grandmother (Mrs. Britannia), who found herself frequently very much annoyed by her precocious grand-children, and therefore she gave her daughter (Mrs. Dominion) a quiet hint that she had better look after her offspring a little more closely. Old Mrs. Britannia was not quite consistent in this advice, which, to tell the truth, was given more in the light of a command, for whenever Mrs. Dominion proposed any important changes in her household affairs, she had first to consult Grandma before they could be carried out; and no