



### WRITING A LETTER.

This little brother and sister have "put their heads together" and are trying to write a letter to their dear mamma. They are out in the country spending their holidays and having a lovely time. But that does not cause them to forget those at home in the hot, dusty city. I wonder what they are going to say in the letter! They have many things to say, I am very sure, but they look a little puzzled as to what to say first.



### A TIMELY EPIC.

How dear to our hearts is the old yellow pumpkin, when orchards are barren of stuffing for pies; when peaches and apples have both been a failure, and berries of no kind have greeted our eyes. How fondly we turn to the fruit of the cornfield—the fruit that our children are taught to despise—the old yellow pumpkin, the mud-coloured pumpkin, the big-swelling pumpkin that makes such nice pies.