

A SLAVE BOY IN AFRICA.

It is a sad fact that not only grown persons but children are bought and sold in many portions of Africa, in the regions where white men are found. How much do you suppose the people will give for a good, bright boy? They will give from two to three hundred brass rods. But ou

ly cotton cloth, but in various sections of the continent, and especially along the Congo River, they use brass rods. The rods which Mr. Stanley, the great African explorer, used, were about twenty-six inches long, and it took five of them to weigh a pound. These rods cost about three and a third cents in England, but



BOYS AT PLAY IN AFRICA.

say, how much are brass rods worth, and why do they sell slaves for these and not for money?

Perhaps you do not know that in Central Africa there is no such thing as money. The people have no coins whatever, and of course no bank bills. The currency which they use in barter is sometimes beads, sometimes ivory, more com-

after having been taken to Africa, and borne long distances on the backs of men, their value was reckoned at about twelve and a half cents each. At one time Mr. Stanley speaks of having had four tons, or about 8,000 lbs., of these brass rods at his store-house in Leopoldville, on the Congo River. The rods would make a very inconvenient kind of currency, we