

den; but very shortly after was in two fights, which he got up by himself, and into one of which he dragged Johnny; in the other he fought Joseph, pretending to take the part of a boy named Victor, for whom he stole a bit of Joseph's garden, with an arbour which had Venetian blinds; but he took very good care to make Victor give him a piece of his own garden, in which grew some excellent Savoy cabbages and other Nicè vegetables.

#### THE PROVOCATION.

It was known to the two boys that Louis was very covetous of a piece of William's garden, along a stream of water which ran through the grounds belonging to the school, and many a time was it in his mind to seize this and fight William for it, but he was afraid of the other monitors, and remembered what had happened to Nap after he had done the same thing.