

till she saw if it fitted properly, but he was lazy and would not rise.

"Get up this moment, you lazy, ungrateful fellow," she said playfully, at the same time giving him a slap on the shoulder.

Bounce sprang at her like a tigress, with a growl that threatened instant destruction if she dared to strike her master in that style again.

"Why, Bounce!" said Mamma, reproachfully, drawing back in a fright.

Bounce leaned over and licked the hand he had been going to bite, as much as to say, "I love you too, but you must not hurt my master; I cannot permit that from anyone, whoever they may be."

Very much amused, Mamma tried the effect of another little blow to Gordon.

Bounce sprang up as fiercely as before, and this time placed herself across Gordon's body in a *slanting* position, so as to cover as much of his figure as possible, and there she stood growling in savage defiance. So poor mamma had just to await, as pa-