

"I'll give you two dollars for him," said the young gentleman, taking out his purse and holding a gold piece temptingly before the eyes of the little ragged urchin.

Tommy looked at the money wistfully, then at his little four-footed friend, who was wagging his tail and looking up in his master's face, as if begging him to refuse the tempting offer. His affection overcame his love of gain, and shaking his head in a very decided manner, he whistled to Button and was walking off, when the young gentleman, who was not accustomed to have his designs thwarted, and was particularly exasperated at being denied a request by one of the poorest lads in the neighbourhood, gave a low call to Button. The unsuspecting little animal came trotting back, and the youth, with a vicious expression which disfigured his handsome face, proceeded to fasten on the tail of the poor dog the piece of stick, in which he had made a slit. No