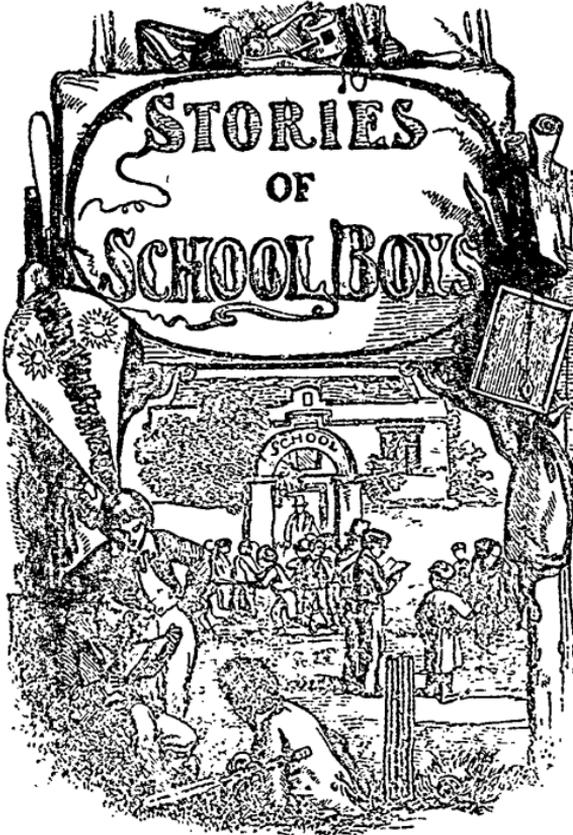




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THE CHILDREN IN THE WOOD.

A TRUE STORY.

Come Lucy and Charles, said Aunt Mary, let us sit beneath the wide-spreading elm, and look at

the glorious sunset, and I will tell you a true story.

Many miles north of us, where the winters are much longer and colder than here, lived a poor man with his wife and children.— Now if you had seen the humble dwelling and coarse clothes of these children, I dare say you would have pitied them, and yet, let me tell you, your pity would have been greatly misplaced, for in spite of their poverty they had many pleasures. Their dwelling was near a vast forest, and rare fun they had in chasing the squirrels, and many pleasant acquaintances they made among the birds and woodchucks, and other inhabitants of the forest, and fine time they had in gathering nuts and berries. And there they possessed a treasure which is wanting in some fine houses I know of, and that was a strong affection