

said, in a tone still mōre harsh, "Do you not hear what I say?"

4. "Yes, yes; I am not dēaf," said the poor boy.—"Oh, are you not? then throw my ball here."

5 "I do not choose to," said the boy.—"Do not choose to? If I come to you, I will make you choose it."

6. "May be not," said the boy.—"If I come on that side the fence, I will thrash you. Then we shall see if you choose to or not."

7. At this, the boy gave a loud lāugh. In his rage, George sprang up to the top of the fence. But a rail broke, and he fell into a deep ditch, which was full of mud.

8. He could not gēt out. His feet stuck in the mire, or slid from the