

# THE EVENING NEWS.

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## THE FIGHT AT DAME EUROPA'S SCHOOL.

Showing how the German Boy Thrashed the French Boy, and how the English Boy looked on.

By the side of Louis's domain was that of William, the biggest and strongest of all the models. He sat on, however, for being a very small and peaceable boy, and made the rest of the school believe that he had never provoked a quarrel in his life. He was rather fond of singing psalms and carrying testimonials about in his pocket, and many of the boys thought Master William a bit of a humbug. He was as proud as anybody of his position, but he never went to work in it without casting envious eyes on two little flower beds which now belonged to Louis, but which ought by rights, he thought, to belong to him. Indeed it was the models, and not Louis, before either Louis or William came to the school, one of Louis's predecessors in the garden had pulled up the weeds which served for a boundary, and cribbed a piece of his neighbor's ground. For a long while William had set his heart upon getting it back again; but he kept his wishes to himself, and nobody suspected that so good and religious a boy could be guilty of coveting what was admitted by the whole school to be now the property of another. Only one boy, his favorite, did William take into his confidence, and that was a small, sharp, shrewd lad named Mark, not over scrupulous in what he did, full of deep tricks and dodges, and so cunning that the old, wise, honest schoolmaster had the eyes of a hawk, never could catch him out in anything absolutely wrong. To this smart youth William one day whispered his designs, as they sat together in the summer school, and drinking beer; for I am sorry to say that they both smoked and drank almost all their play time, though of course it was against the rules of the school.

"There is only one way to get it," said Mark. "If you want the flower beds you must fight Louis for them, and I believe you will lick him all to a smash; but you must fight him alone."

"How do you mean?" replied William.

"I mean, you must take care that the other monitors don't interfere in the quarrel. If they do they will be sure to get against you. Remember that a grudge Joseph owes you for the licking you gave him not long ago; and Aleck, though to be sure Louis took little Constantine's part against him in that great bullying row, is evidently beginning to grow jealous of your influence in the school. You see, old fellow, you have grown so much larger, and filled out so wonderfully that you are getting really quite formidable. Why, I recollect the time when you were quite a little chap!"

"Yes," said William, turning up his eyes deviously. "It has pleased Providence that I should be so big now."

"I dare say; but it has not pleased the other monitors. And they were very angry, you know, when you took those little gardens belonging to the other small boys, and tucked them on to yours."

"But, my dear Mark, I did that by your own particular advice."

"Of course you did, and quite right too. The little buggers were not strong enough to work, and it was far better that you should look after their gardens for them, and give them a share of the produce. All the same, no doubt it made the other monitors jealous; and I am not sure that the old dame herself thought it quite fair."

"Did you ever find out Mark, what he thought of it?" asked William, winking his left eye, and jerking his thumb over his left shoulder towards the schoolmaster.

"Oh," answered Mark, with a scornful laugh, "never mind him. He won't meddle with anybody. He is a deal too busy in that filthy, dirty shop of his, looking things to sell the other boys. Bah! It makes me sick to think how that place smells!" and the fastidious youth took a long draught of beer, by way of recalling some memory.

"He is an uncommonly plucky fellow," said William, when they had smoked for a while in silence, "and as strong as a lion."

"As plucky and as strong as you please, my friend, but as for me," and here again, Mark, being altogether at a loss for a simile, sought one at the bottom of the pewter. "Well, he is continued, when he had slaked his thirst, "he never ready. Look what a precious mess he made of that affair with Nicholas. It was before you came, you know, but I recollect it well. Why, poor John, he had no shoes to fight in, and they had it out in the stoniest part of the playground, too, where his feet were out to pieces. And then again he took all so precious cool that he got late for breakfast in the morning, and had to fight on an empty stomach. Pluck and strength are all very well, but a fellow must eat and drink, and have a pair of decent shoes to stand up in."

"And why couldn't he get a pair of decent shoes?" asked William. "He has got heaps of money."

"Heaps upon heaps, but he wanted it for something else—to buy a new shirt. I think it was; and so he sat grinding away in his dirty shop, and thinking of nothing but saving up his shillings and shillings."

"Then, my dear Mark, what do you advise me to do?"

"Ah, that is not so easy to say. Give me time to think, and when I have an idea I will let you know. Over you do, take care to put Master Louis in the wrong. Don't pick a quarrel with him, but force him, by quietly provoking him, to pick a quarrel with you. Give out that you are still peaceably disposed, and carry your Testament about as usual. That will put Dame Europa off her guard, and she will believe in you as much as ever. The rest you may leave to me; but by the bye, keep yourself in good condition, and, if you can hear of any one in the town who gives lessons in boxing, just go to him and get put up in a few dodges. I know for a fact that the French boy, who was so hard, and exercising his fists, ever since you gave that tremendous thrashing to Joseph."

The bell now rang for afternoon school, and the two friends hastily smothered their cigars, and finished between them what was left of the beer. Mark ran off to the pump to wash his hands, which no amount of scrubbing with soap could make decently clean, while William changed his coat, and walked sedately across the playground, humming to himself, not in a very good tune, a verse of the Old Hundred psalm.

An opportunity of putting their little plot into execution soon occurred. A garden became vacant, on the other side of Louis's little territory, which, of the long summer, was destined to be accepted. It was a troublesome piece of ground, exposed to constant attacks from the town cats, who used to overrun it in the night, and pull up the newly planted flowers. The case, too, was one of making havoc among the beds. Nobody bid for it, therefore, and it seemed to go for nothing.

"Don't you think," said Mark one day to his friend and partner, "that your little cousin, the new boy, might be well worth fighting?"

"I don't see," answered William, "how it would be worth it. He is a little fellow, and I don't think he is worth fighting."

"Ah, he is a little fellow," answered William, "but he is a little fellow, and I don't think he is worth fighting."

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Stocks and Trust Companies, \$86,344 07

Premiums and Rents, \$100,000 00

Total Cash Receipts, \$12,286,722 98

Disbursements: Claims by Death, \$1,000,000 00

Maturity of Bonds, \$2,500 00

Paid to Policyholders, \$2,000,000 00

Commission to Agents, \$1,000,000 00

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