A PAIR OF 'EM.

[illegible] were sitting on the top [illegible] their hands and faces were stained with blackberry juice. Having had their fill of berries, they were now considering what piece [illegible] to attack next.

"Beats all Nath'," said Deacon Jones, [illegible] "th' amount o' mischief them boys ken git in [illegible] fourteen hours."

The supposable number of hours they were not quietly sleeping in their beds.

The sun fell full and warm on the [illegible] there with [illegible] oaks and low-branching hickories. The cattle were feeding placidly on the white clover and sweet grasses till but the [illegible] having satisfied their hunger, stood in the very deepest part of the brook, chewing the cud and switching off the flies with a regular pendulum-like sway of [illegible]

"Beauties, ain't they?" asked Tom, pointing them out to Bert.

Bert was a [illegible] at Canterbury.

"Fine [illegible] go; an', I say, Bert, we're jolly [illegible]. I heard father tell Joe the other day it's about time they's [illegible]

Now, these boys were spoiling for some fun. They had been trying to be good [illegible] in consideration of a promise made to Mammy Jones the day before, when for [illegible] they had [illegible] which they had [illegible] the day-pit was a deep, [illegible] a rod in diameter, and full of water.

[illegible] some, still without a moment's hesitation, [illegible] the rope for the little rube prey in a [illegible] of stern, taking care to keep out of range of the wide door and door of the kitchen, where Mammy was baking. If she should chance to see them, she would be sure to ask what they were going to do, and, with all their cunning, Jonathan Bert would have thought of getting into or out of a scrape by telling a lie.

It wasn't yet time to catch the [illegible] Just as Bert or Tom [illegible] and [illegible] of his [illegible] and [illegible] up his [illegible] With a series of [illegible] leaps [illegible] the sharp [illegible] making [illegible] of the pool [illegible] both boys and [illegible] the cooling [illegible] Feeling [illegible] Tom [illegible] by [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] the