an impression, and his mother, who had had a good cry over her boy's humiliation, was rejoiced to notice how much more carefully and rationally he talked for the remainder of the voyage.

"But the voyage over, and the scene and witnesses of this little incident things of the past, Will gradually slipped back into the habit that had so strong a hold upon him. His efforts, made in his own strength and without any settled purpose, grew fainter and fainter, until at last he again almost ceased to resist.

"It was in a lovely spot in the Austrian Tyrol, where the party had settled for several weeks of their holiday, that he met with the adventure which, with God's blessing, was the beginning of his real cure. The house in which they were staying contained two or three other families, and among these Will, who, with his lively and sociable disposition, was always glad of new acquaintances, made friends with three boys, all older than himself, whose influence was anything but good. They had the manners of gentlemen in most ways, but Mrs. Allerton's watchful eyes observed more than one point in which they showed that they were not gentlemen at heart. She saw them laugh significantly to each other at the imperfect German of a young teacher who was losing no opportunity of improving herself in the language, and imitate, almost to his face, the peculiar manner and slight lameness of a hearty, good-natured old Englishman who had shown them more than one kindness. She hesitated long about warning Will, but, hearing a profane word escape one of them one day, she hesitated no longer,