



## WHY HENRY GOT HOME LATE.

ONE cold day in winter, Henry Burton went to pay a visit to his cousin Tom Slade. Tom lived four miles from Henry's house ; but Henry did not mind the walk, for there was no snow on the ground when he left home.

A mile of his way lay through a solitary wood ; but Henry knew he was not likely to meet any thing more frightful than a squirrel or a bluejay. He arrived at his cousin's house in good season for dinner ; and after dinner they went to play in the barn, and see the horses and dogs.

But the sky grew vapory and dark ; and Henry's mother, fearing that there might be a snow-storm, sent a carriage for him. Henry was having a good time on the hay-mow ; and so he made the coachman wait. At last it began to snow fast ; and the coachman said, " I shall return without you, unless you come at once."

Even then Henry loitered some ten minutes before he was quite ready. At last he bade his cousin good-by, and