

But you must remember, that you may make a bad use of a good maxim, just as you may of any thing else that is good. Many people have made a bad use of "try again."

There was once a man who took a rash leap over a large piece of timber, and hurt his leg: "What a fool am I," said he, "not to be able to leap over a piece of timber; I will *try again*." So he tried again, and hurt himself worse than before. This provoked him, and he tried once more, and in doing this his leg was so injured, that it gave him pain until his dying day.

You may see by this, that you should only try again, when the thing you wish to do, or to get, is good and worth trying for, if not, it is foolish to try for it at all.

Whatever you set about, do not be easily disheartened. If a thing is worth beginning, it is worth finishing; and to begin what we cannot finish, is a proof that we are either foolish in beginning it, or unwise in going on with it.

Think well over what you undertake, before you set to work, and "try again," till you succeed. If you follow this maxim, you are almost sure of success.

LESSON LXXXI.

NATURAL AFFECTION OF ANIMALS.

I have always great pleasure in seeing the affection which animals have for their offspring, and which sometimes shows itself in an extraordi-