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ROBINSON CRUSOE, JR.



I.

ROBERT GRAY was a Riverdale boy, and a very smart one too. Very likely most of my readers will think he was altogether too smart for his years, when they have read the story I have to tell about him.

Robert was generally a very good boy, but, like a great many persons who are older and ought to be wiser than he was, he would sometimes get very queer notions into his head, which made him act very strangely.

He was born on the Fourth of July, which may be the reason why he was so smart, though I do not think it was. He could make boxes and

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carts, windmills and water wheels, and ever so many other things.

Behind his father's house there was a little brook, flowing into the river. In this stream Robert had built a dam, and put up a water wheel, which kept turning day and night till a freshet came and swept it into the river.

His father was a carpenter,

and Robert spent a great part of his leisure hours in the shop, inventing or constructing queer machines, of which no one but himself knew the use; and I am not sure that he always knew himself.

On his birthday, when Robert was eleven years old, his oldest brother, who lived in Boston, sent him a copy of Robinson Crusoe as a birthday present. Almost every