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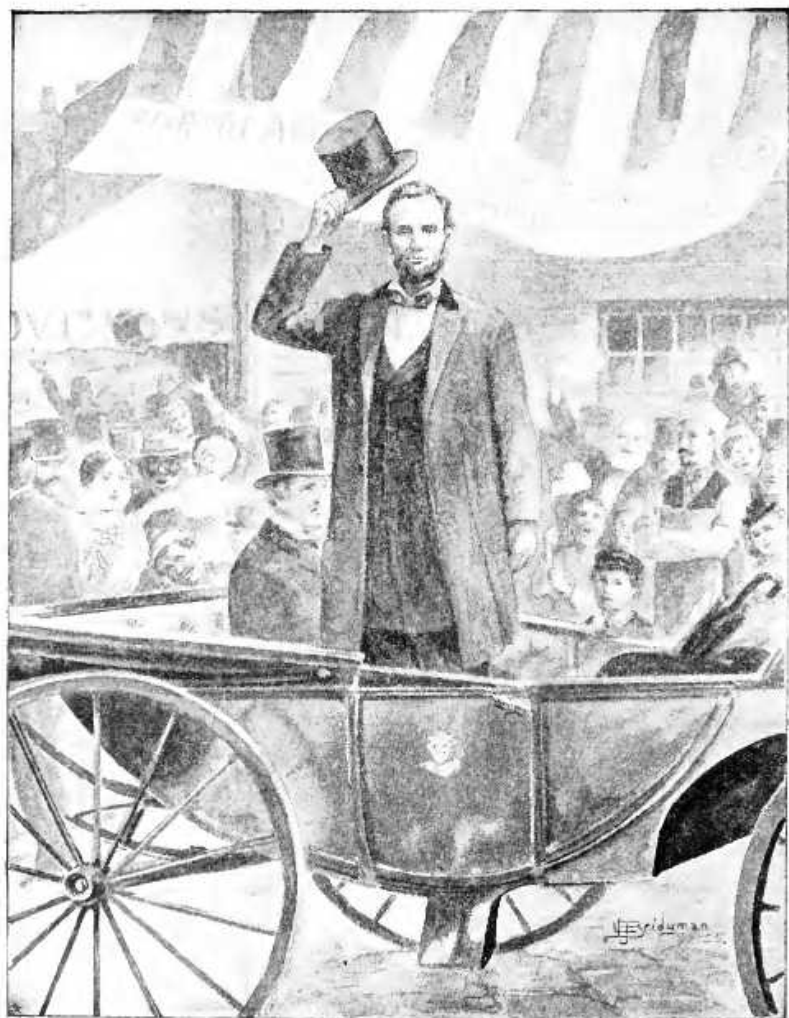
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A BOY'S FIRST SIGHT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

*"Fear not, Abraham! I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward."*

*See page 158.*

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TO MY  
FRIENDS

## PREFACE.

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COLUMBUS the discoverer of our country and Washington the father of our country — these two famous ones has this series of "Children's Lives of Great Men" recalled for young Americans. Now comes the third and crowning figure in the series — that of Abraham Lincoln, the savior of his country and, above all others, — the American.

His story is as marvellous as a fairy tale and yet as simple as the truth. Sprung from nothing he rose to the highest eminence, and died a martyr for liberty, union and the rights of man. Upon his life, through four terrible years, hung the destinies of this republic and the redemption of a race. To-day, the world reveres him as one of the most eminent rulers of any time; the future will yet place him where he rightly belongs — one of the world's greatest men, perhaps, the greatest.

For the boys and girls of America, brought up in the atmosphere of liberty, of justice and of patriotism, Abraham Lincoln the man of the people, has an especial claim to reverence. He stands as a type — as, before all others, *the American*.

In the preface to the "The True Story of George Washington," the writer quoted, for boys and girls, a sentiment from one of the noblest of American thinkers and authors, James Russell Lowell. This introduction to the "True Story of Abraham Lincoln," can not be more fittingly closed than with the splendid tribute of this same prophetic poet, in his noble "Commemorative Ode," which every boy and girl of America should some day read:

"These all are gone; and standing like a tower,  
Our children shall behold his fame,  
The kindly, earnest, brave, far-seeing man,  
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame,  
New birth of our new soil, the first American."

E. S. B.





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