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PART I

CHAPTER ONE

A DAY IN JUNE

IT WAS a lazy day in the month of June — one of those days when a sort of lethargy seizes upon you, and you feel inclined to do nothing except find a comfortable shade and there, half asleep and half awake, to dream and dream.

On just such a day as this two small boys lay on the grass in the shade of a great elm tree. It was evident from the gestures and the intensity of interest that the two boys were trying to agree upon some plan in regard to a journey, for ever and anon they ran their stubby fingers over a well-worn map which lay on the grass beside them. Yet it could hardly be surmised that any such thoughts were running through their minds, for Louie Abernathy, the elder of the two, was only a