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"Is he smart and quick?" he asked. Page 99.

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### CHAPTER I.

YES, there it is! It looks very well written, as if it promised to be something very interesting; but what sort of a story will it be, I wonder. I am sure I should never have thought of it myself.

Perhaps, as this is to be "Rob Claxton's Story," I ought to begin at the time when he began, which happened just fourteen years ago; but, as I have only just lived right here every day, it wouldn't be much more to write than Topsy's "I growd." So I think I will commence with last week, when father enlisted, and was chosen captain of Company C.

He talked it all over with mother, and sister Katie, and me, and said he had felt ever since the war broke out that he ought to go. Mother and Katie felt very badly, and

cried, though they didn't say no. But I think it is grand to be a soldier, and fight for one's country.

Father said we must all have something to keep us busy and brave while he is away.

"Mother would have enough," he said, and I saw how his lips trembled when he said it, "for she would have to fill her place and his too. And Katie should write the story of the war, as complete a history as she could make out of every march, and every battle, and every hero."

I thought that would be a grand thing to do, and I felt a little hurt that he had not said that *I* should do that, I being the only boy in the family. But I didn't say any thing, and tried to look as if I had never thought of such a thing, and wouldn't have liked it if I had.

But father — I believe he always sees straight through such shams — looked at me, and said, —

"Katie can do this better than Robbie, for a great deal of new care and responsibility will come upon him. You are the only son