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Insert after Capt Lamar's story of the Chronicle "or" instead of the horse race

Capt. John Lamar [illegible] of riding to mill with his father one very hot day. As they [illegible] along the hot road they saw a boy sitting on the top rail of an old fashioned stake & rider worm fence. When they came close they saw that the boy was reading & had not noticed their approach. His father turning to him said: "John, look at that boy yonder, & mark my words he will make a smart man out of himself. I may not see it but you'll see if my words don't come true." The boy was Abraham Lincoln.

Capt. Lamar tells other good stories about the early days: "Uncle Jimmy Larkins, as every body called him was a great hero in my childish eyes. Why, I can not now say without it was his manners. There had been a big "Fox Chase" & Uncle Jimmy was telling about it. Of course he was the hero. I was only a little shaver & I stood in front of Uncle Jimmy looking up into his eyes, [illegible] but he never noticed me. He looked at Abraham Lincoln & said "Abe, I've got the best horse in the world" he won the race & never drew a long

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breath.' but, Abe paid no attention to Uncle Jimmy & I got mad at the big overgrown fellow & wanted him to listen to my hero's story. Uncle Jimmy was determined that Abe should hear & repeated the story 'I say, Abe, I have the best horse in the world: after all that running he never drew a long breath.' Then Abe looking down at my little dancing hero said 'Well, Larkins why don't you tell us how many short breaths he drew'. This raised a laugh on Uncle Jimmy & he got mad & declared he'd fight Abe if he wasn't so big. He cussed & jumped around until Abe quietly said. 'Now Larkins if you don't shut up I'll throw you in that water.' I was very uneasy & angry at the way my hero was treated, but I lived to change my views about heroes. " "When Abraham Lincoln came back ~~in [illegible] to make [illegible] favoring [illegible]~~ one time I heard him and Mr. Josiah Crawford talking about the Spice Box or Cabinet. Uncle Josiah asked: 'Have you got the knife I gave you for it Abe?' " And Abe answered 'Yes, here it is but I spent the money for other things long ago.' " ~~"When ever Abraham Lincoln met~~

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When I heard them talking I asked what kind of a Spice Cabinet he had made = Uncle Josiah sent me in to look at it. At the sale I bought it & presented it to Capt. Hartman of Evansville. / Whenever Abraham Lincoln met any of the old Indiana neighbors he soon inquired for all the others; showing that he remembered all. Yes my father's prophecy was fulfilled most gloriously, Abraham Lincoln was a successful man."

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