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CHAPTER I,

ALONG THE OHIO.

VICTOR HARDIN found himself on a certain summer evening, about a hundred years ago, face to face with the most puzzling question of his life.

His home was on the northern bank of the Ohio, his father having been one of the early pioneers in that section, which was now beginning to show the results of the great tide of immigration which set in after the decisive victory of General Wayne over the combined Indian tribes in 1794. Towns and settlements were beginning to