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CHAPTER I

POCAHONTAS

1595-1617

O NE cold stormy day, more than three hundred years ago, a group of Indians was sitting around the fire in a "long house" on the James River in Virginia. Warriors and young braves, squaws and maidens, were listening to stories, while the children played about boisterously. Some of them were wrestling, some racing with dogs, and others turning somersaults in the long narrow passageway.

Suddenly the deerskin curtains parted and in dashed an Indian runner. He spied the chief at the far end of the room near the fire and started toward him; but one of the children, a little girl named Mataoka, who was turning handsprings, collided with him and knocked him down. A little girl she was, ten or eleven years old, with

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