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IT WAS the easiest lesson of the term. Bessie sprang from her seat as her name was called. She was eager to be heard. Why should the teacher ask her such a simple question. "George Washington crossed the Delaware, and—and—and—" "An' had breakfast," added Willie Jones. And that ended it for Bessie. The rest of the story of the war following the passage of the Delaware remained untold. Do you remember Bessie's failure that day? Were you the Willie Jones?