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4. What color were the oats?

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- B. red
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11. What kind of animal is Alar?

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- A. in the ocean
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14. What did young Liu feel was the hardest part of learning to fish?

- A. casting the rod into the water
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One night, when Abe finished his reading in a book about George Washington, he stuck the book between two logs and went to sleep. That night it rained hard and the book got soaked. Abe took the book to the man who owned it. He told the man that he was sorry for ruining the book and that he would pay for it. The man did not get mad at Abe, because he told the truth. Abraham Lincoln was known for his honesty. He was nicknamed "Honest Abe."

15. What happened to the book that Abe borrowed?

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