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ROBINSON CRUSOE

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ROBINSON CRUSOE WASHED ASHORE.

I WAS born at York, in the year 1632, of a good family. My father's name was Kreutznaer, a native of Bremen, who, by trading at Hull, gained a very plentiful fortune. He married my mother at York, and as her maiden name was Robinson, I was called Robinson Kreutznaer, which not being easily pronounced in the English tongue, we are now called, and, indeed, call ourselves, and write our name—Crusoe.

No pains or charge was spared in my education, my father designing me for the law; yet nothing would serve me, but I must go to sea; both

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ROBINSON CRUSOE ON HIS RAFT.

against the will of my father, the tears of my mother, and the entreaties of friends.

I was then, I think, nineteen years old, when one time, being at Hull, I met a school-fellow, going with his father, who was master of a ship to London; and telling him of my roving desires, he assured me of a free passage. Without imploring a blessing, or taking farewell of my parents, I took shipping on the 1st of September, 1651, for London.

After making several voyages from thence to the Coast of Guinea, I finally sailed for the Brazils, and then

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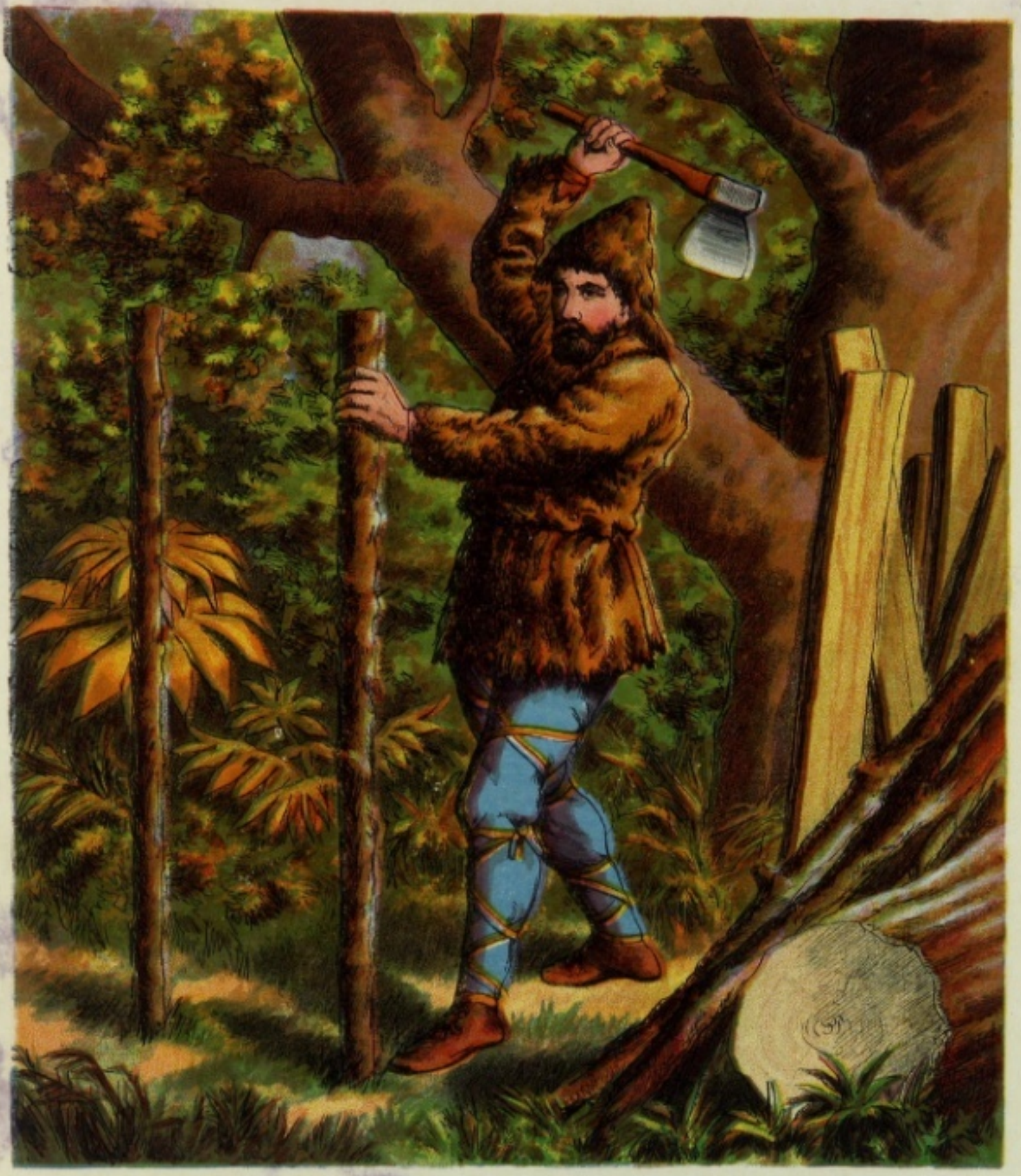

ROBINSON CRUSOE BUILDING HIS HUT OR CASTLE.

for the first day of each month than for Sundays; and as each Sunday came round, I made it a day of rest, reading my Bible, and giving thanks to God, that He had been so merciful to me, and made my solitary life so comfortable.

A year had now passed, and every day I watched and prayed for some means of deliverance from this place; and then I began to think if it was not possible to make a canoe, such as Indians make out of the trunk of a tree. At last I selected a tree. Twenty days was I hacking and hewing this tree, fourteen in cutting off the limbs,

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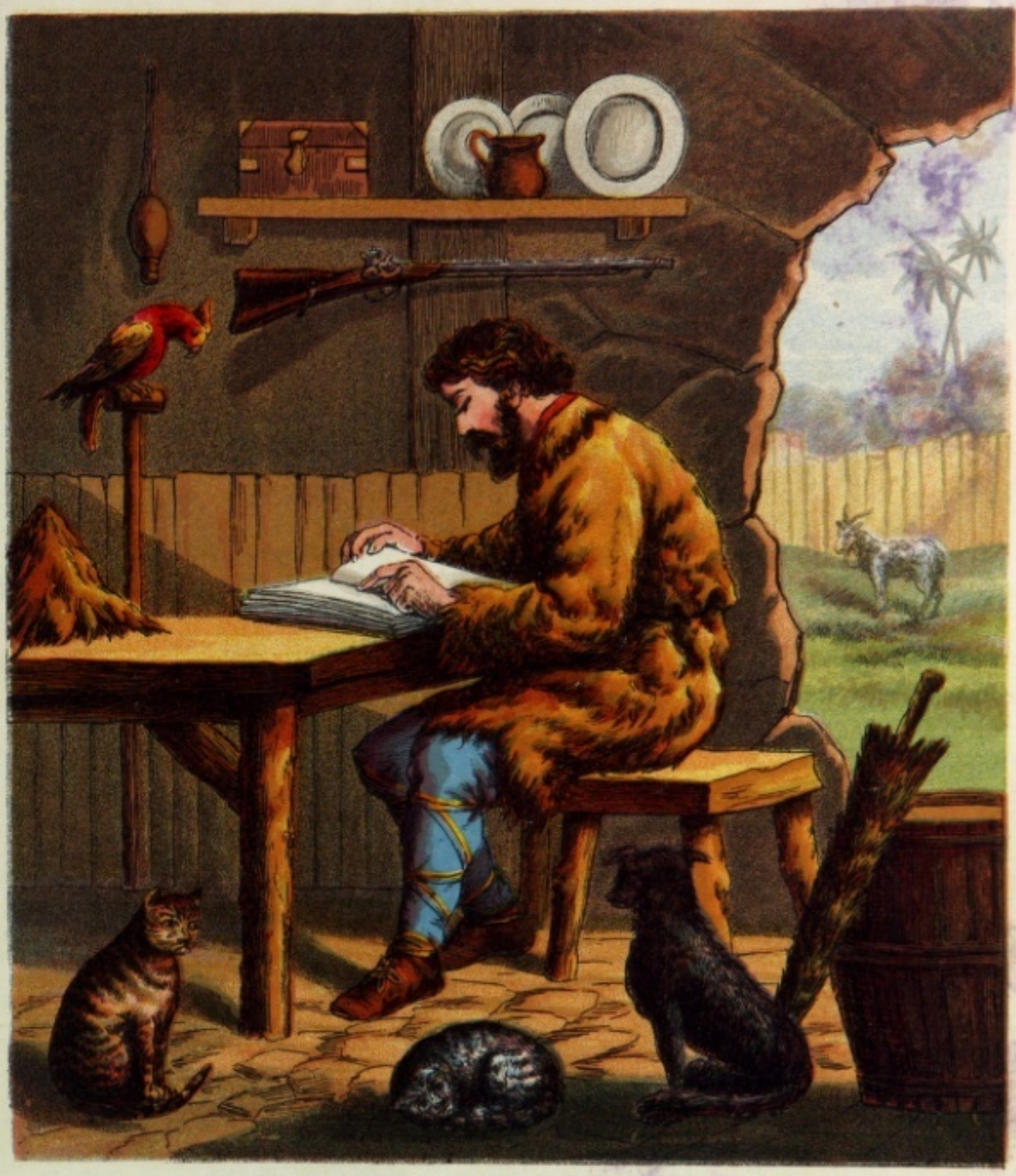

ROBINSON CRUSOE KEEPING THE SABBATH DAY.

and a month in shaping it like the bottom of a boat. When it was completed, I found it was so large, that I was unable to get it to the water, and sadly gave up my undertaking. In the height of this work, I found I had lived four years upon the island.

The next year passed very quietly, and although I was disappointed in my first canoe, I made a second one, of much smaller size, but it was two years before I had finished it, and got it to the water.

I now resolved to make a tour of the island. I set out on the 6th of November, in the seventh year of my

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ROBINSON CRUSOE SEES FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND.

terrified; I warrant we will not only defend ourselves, but kill most of these savages." But though I comforted him in the best way I could, the poor creature trembled so, I scarce knew what to do with him.

"O, Master!" said he, "they come! look, Friday! cut pieces, Friday! cut-a-me-up!"

"Why, Friday, said I, "they will eat me up as well as you; and my danger is as great as yours. But since it is so, we must resolve to fight for our lives. What say you? Can you fight, Friday?"

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FRIDAY KNEELS TO CRUSOE TO SHOW THAT HE IS HIS SLAVE.

"Yes," said he, faintly, "me shoot, me kill what I can!"

"That's no matter," said I, again; "our guns will terrify those we do not kill. I am very willing to stand by you to the last drop of my blood. Now, tell me if you will do the like by me, and obey my orders."

Friday answered, "O, Master! me lose life for you! me die when you bid die!"

We loaded two fowling-pieces, four muskets, and two pistols, and divided them betwixt us, hung my sword to my side, and gave Friday a hatchet, a fine weapon for defence; and then,

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CRUSOE AND FRIDAY RESCUING THE SPANIARD.

they would all be sent to England. They begged piteously to be spared, and after awhile the captain, in the Governor's name, agreed to pardon them if they would aid him in getting back the ship, telling them they would be hanged in chains if they acted in bad faith.

We set out for the ship in two parties, and completely surprised those on board. In the scuffle that ensued the pirate chief was shot through the head, and a few others were injured.

Nothing now remained but to dispose of the prisoners. Consulting with the captain, I dressed myself

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ROBINSON CRUSOE TAKING LEAVE OF THE ISLAND.

in one of his suits, and sending for them, told them I was going to leave the island, with all my people, and promised that their lives should be spared if they would stay there. They agreed to stay. Then I told them my story, and giving them every information necessary for their subsistence, and bidding them farewell, went on board the ship. The next morning we weighed anchor, and Friday and I bade adieu to the island; and after an absence of twenty-eight years, two months, and nineteen days, landed in my own country, hoping to end my days in peace.

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