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Tom comes home to supper. He is too excited to eat and tells his mother about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly reveals to Tom that he must be skipped school that afternoon and evening. Tom’s mouth drops open, but Aunt Polly is still as stern as ever. Tom then hurriedly changes his clothes in preparation for the next adventure. As Tom goes out the door, Aunt Polly orders him to straighten his whiskers. Tom turns to his aunt and says, “Aunt Polly is satisfied.”

Tom goes out the door and heads for the river. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he comes across a group of boys playing a game of “King of the Wharf.” Tom joins in, and eventually becomes the king of the wharf.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

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Tom comes home at suppertime. He has been skipping school and has not been in class for two weeks. He has lied to his teacher and shown her that his father is still away from home; but he, Tom’s half-brother, has been blue and saucy. Tom’s head is still sore from a recent bout of whiskey, and he has sworn the boy to keep quiet about it.

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