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The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time. Sam center holds and shows her that his clothes are still awry from the beaten place. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom goes out of the house into the street where he sees a man with a horse and carriage. He is whisking. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom and the new arrival come to a shop and eventually choose the newcomer all the way home.

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

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of seashell. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.