Consultations In Infectious Disease A Case Based Approach To Diagnosis And Management
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Tom comes home at supper. His right hand hangs loosely about his wrist. He has been skipping school that afternoon and went nowhere, but has left the town a week ago. He was not afraid to be caught because he has not been in school for weeks, and Tom’s aunt is satisfied. At Tom’s request, Tom has arranged the closets in the back of the house.

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Tom goes out to supper at night, not caring about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly mentions that Tom has been skipping school that afternoon and won't be expelled until school is over. She asks Tom to clean his room, and Tom, in a fit of pique, clams up and refuses to do anything.

That night, Tom goes out and sees a man named Mark, who asks Tom to help him deliver a letter. Tom accepts, and they walk through town to deliver the letter.

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