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Tom comes home at supper time. He has been chasing Yaweh, and his schoolmaster has made it clear that the church boy will be dropped school that afternoon and sent to work in Tom’s place. Tom has not been ill in his bed and the court is still open from that flu, but still, Tom’s half-brother, Sid, has himself to disguise his illness.

Tom goes out of the house immediately after the news of Tom’s pending expulsion. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he falls in with a group of boys and eventually joins them in whistling. While whistling, Tom is interrupted by an old man who offers him a job washing windows. Tom accepts the job and eventually joins the group of boys.

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Tom comes home at supper, haggard and tired. He has been skipping school that afternoon and spent the evening wandering and vagabonding. He has a sore head and shows les that his clothes are still newer from the last time. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and his new arrival are permitted to sit at the breakfast table and eventually chase the newcomers all the way home.

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