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Tom comes home at supper and is surprised to find Aunt Polly there rather than his uncle, who is ill in bed and says that Tom has about two weeks more to live. Tom is told that he will not be punished for his misbehavior and that he will not be skipped school that afternoon and will have two more days to finish his homework. Tom is happy and agrees to follow rules more.

Tom and his new friend, Ben Jackson, go to the next town to buy guns and go shooting. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, they come upon a man who is engaged in a street fight. Tom and Ben run away, but Tom is beaten up by a group of boys.

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

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