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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 misbehavior and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time. His mother tells him that he has been skipping school that afternoon and won't be allowed to go hunting. Tom's face crumples in terror, and Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and the new arrival eat dinner, and Tom is visibly upset. He asks Aunt Polly to let him go hunting, but she refuses. Tom then asks her to let him go to the Monday Night Whist Club, and Aunt Polly also refuses.

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 whiten the fence. Tim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitening so Tom can return for a "white alley," a kind of marriage. Tim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his thoughts.