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Tom comes home at supper. While having supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom if he has been skipping school. Tom tells her about his adventures. During recess, Aunt Polly notes that Tom has been missing school for a few days and wonders who has been with him.

Aunt Polly asks Tom to write a letter to his father. Tom writes a letter to Lightning, his friend from school, and asks him to play with him.

Tom goes out of the house into the street. He is wearing a new hat and shoes that his mother is still wearing. Tom has learned to read and write. He is happy and confident.

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Tom chases home at suppertime, expecting to hear about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly is happy to tell him how well he had been at school that afternoon and how well his head and ears are still sound from his accident. She also tells him that his collar is still buttoned on his face, but she has been told that Tom’s half-brother, Ben, has been seen in the street.

Tom goes out of the house to meet his friend, Huckleberry Finn, who has been playing hooky. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, they discuss their plans for the evening. Tom and Huck decide to set out on an adventure and eventually choose the newspaper as their target.

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