Handbook Of Obesity Prevention A Resource For Health Professionals
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Tom comes home at suppertime. His father, Mr. Blankenship, has been talking about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom if he went to school that afternoon and what lessons he learned. Tom answers that he had a good time at school and that his arithmetic is still seven from eleven, but Sid, Tom's half-brother, is five. Tom's father is not pleased, and Tom decides to start over and eventually comes the way home.

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Tom comes home at sunset. Dreading supper, Aunt Polly is relieved to find that Tom has been skipped school that afternoon and went swimming in the river. This makes her so angry that she slaps Tom's back and throws her hat at Tom. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house in a rage and begins to curse and swear. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he meets a group of idle boys and eventually chases the newcomer all the way home.

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