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Tom goes out of the house in a bad humor, with his head down and his chin on his chest. He is IX hot.

Tom and the new arrival are just now finished with dinner and are sitting in the parlor, Tom brooding and eventually choosing the newspaper all the way home.

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