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Tom comes home at supper-time wet and mischievous. He has been skipping school that afternoon and went round to a saw-mill, where he was employed as a laborer and borrowed money that he could not pay back. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but Tom’s half-brothers, Joe and Huck, who are always trying to do some mischief, go to work to displace him with new ones. When Tom goes out of the house to play, he sees a man in a white shirt and black trousers, who is walking down the street. Tom thinks it is his father, but finds he is not. The man is a white man, with a white beard and hair, and Tom’s father is black.

When Tom returns home in the evening, Aunt Polly is 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 whitewash the fence. Joe passes by, and Tom lies to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of marble. He almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
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Tom comes home at supper. The money he has earned has been spent on books and on Tom’s other adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly wants to know how Tom has fared in school that afternoon and wants to know what he has learned. She asks him if he has skipped school that afternoon and Tom says no. When Aunt Polly says she is satisfied, Tom’s face lights up with a grin and he says, “I saw that book I wanted to read.” Aunt Polly is satisfied, but still, Tom’s half-brother, Jerry, tells Tom to get him a drink of water. Tom then asks Aunt Polly to let him wash the dishes. Aunt Polly agrees, and Tom proceeds to wash the dishes carefully and eventually cleans the house for the whole house.

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