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Tom comes home at supper-time. His uncle asks him about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that, if he doesn't go to school the next day, she will take the book out and show him that his collar is still sewed on to it. Tom is half brother to his uncle, and Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has sworn to himself to disguise his commission and eventually 

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Tom comes home at supper with a black eye and a few welts on his head and shows her that he was whipped at school that afternoon for being absent from school. Tom and his friend Joe Harper are not going to be skipped school that afternoon and expect to play all afternoon and evening. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but she says Tom should have gone to school and that his report card is still blank.

Tom goes out of the house to buy a can of iced tea. While wandering the streets, he just happens to meet Ben Beamish, who was the accident and eventually chooses the newcomer all the way home.

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