Thinking Outside The Box Reflections On A Life In Chemical Engineering
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Tom comes home at suppertime. He has been playing at being a rum doctor and has about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly says, “Tom, you have been skipping school that afternoon, and I want to know where.” Tom denies it, but Aunt Polly shows him that his collar is still worn from yesterday’s encounter in the street. Tom must apologize and eventually changes his ways.

Tom goes out of the house into the garden. He is in a state of whistling. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, he meets Huckleberry Finn, who agrees to take Tom to the bank to retrieve his pet rascal, Becky Thatcher. Tom has arranged the whole adventure himself to surprise his aunt.

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Tom comes home at supper time. He tells Aunt Polly about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he must be skipped school that afternoon and must never go back. She is still angry that his clothes are still torn from the day before. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but Tom’s half-brother, Joe, won’t let him escape. Tom’s aunt threatens to lock him in the attic at night. Tom has sworn to himself to disguise his clothes.

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