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Tom comes home at supper time. He tells Aunt Polly about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom how he has been acting. He tells her that he has been skipping school that afternoon and went fishing. As usual, Aunt Polly is exasperated. She berates Tom and tells him that his father is still away from home, but that Tom’s half-brother, Sid, is coming up next week. Tom has sworn to himself to disguise himself to please his father.

Tom goes out of the house immediately and his mother watches him increasingly worried. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom and the new arrival encounter a tangle of whistling. When Tom returns home in the evening, his mother finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

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Tom goes out of the house into the street. He has no book to read. He wants to see the streets of St. Petersburg for himself. He wants to see what the town looks like from the town’s point of view. He wants to see what the town looks like from his own point of view. He wants to see what the town looks like from his own point of view.

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