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Tom comes home at supper-time. While Tom is eating, Aunt Polly tells him he'll be whipped. He had been skipped school that afternoon and went roaming. When asked if his collars were still on, Tom lies. Aunt and Tom's half-brother, Joe, shout him to disguise his lies. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house to the wharf. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets the new arrival of the town, a young and arrogant boy. Tom and the new arrival engage in a quick quarrel, and eventually choose the newcove all the way home.

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