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The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out defensively, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects ruefully on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper to find Aunt Polly with Tom’s rooming housekeeper, Mrs. Joe Harper, who tells him he was out too late and that he will have to be skipped school that afternoon and won’t receive a mark. Tom is very disappointed, and tears his face in his room. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom’s half-brother, Sid, enters the room and seems to be doing his best to dissuade him from his tears.

Tom goes out of the house into the street to look for an opportunity to get some money. While wandering along the streets of St. Petersburg, he sees a man selling whiskies. He watches the man sell whiskies and wonders where he got his money. Tom eventually joins the man and finds that he is a peddler of whiskies. Tom is taken under the man’s wing and eventually the two become business partners.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and tells him to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Tom goes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of thimble. Aunt Polly refuses, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
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Tom comes home at suppertime and boasts about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks him what he has been doing. Tom admits he has skipped school that afternoon and went rowing with his friends. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has worn the coat he bought for his trip to Knob Creek and shows how the coat is still sewn bottom and sleeve. Tom’s half-brother, Ben, who is in his 20s, work for a carpenter. Tom has injured himself in his job, and finds himself to his surprise, in the hospital. He is treated by a doctor and eventually leaves the hospital.

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On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of money. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.