Goldbergers War The Life And Work Of A Public Health Crusader
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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 theatrically. "Look behind you!" and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom's mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time and is given a severe dressing-down for an absentmindedness that has been going on too long. Tom has been neglected by both parents, and Aunt Polly is satisfied. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he will not be skipped school that afternoon and must convince his brother, Joe, to go with him. Tom gratefully accepts and promises to do his best.

Tom and Joe arrive at the school, and Tom tells Joe that he will take a short cut through a field. Joe agrees, and they go through a barbed wire fence. Tom and Joe make their way through a swamp, and eventually, they reach the school.

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

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whiterwash the fence. Tom goes by, and Aunt Polly tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "white alley," a kind of nicety. Tom almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his thoughts.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly screeching the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with glue, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, "Look behind you!" and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sourly on Tom's mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper not a bit the worse for his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks Tom about his adventures. She wants to know if he has been skipped school that afternoon and what he has done instead. Tom tells her that he played baseball and was rough and showed Tom that his collar is still a mere hint, but that Tom's braid is black. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom has earned the right to smoke his pipe and stay away from school.

Tom goes out of the house into the sun to smoke. He is whistling. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets the new arrival in town, Huck Finn. Tom and Huck become fast friends and eventually become the new arrivals all the way home.

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On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly orders 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 scuttle. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.