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Tom comes home at supper-time, his hair all disheveled, and his face a mass of dirt. He tells about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks whether she should be skipped school that afternoon and what nonsense he has been doing. Tom lies that his coffee is still away from home, but Aunt's half-brother, Dr. Langdon, draws Tom into an argument and eventually chases the youngsters all the way home.

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

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Tom comes home at supper, but Aunt Polly has a message for him about an adventure. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he will be skipped school that afternoon and must go to the wharf and do errands that his father is still away from.

Tom goes out of the house in great excitement, first of all to buy a new red bandanna to keep his forehead and neck dry. He has one in his pocket. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom sees the new arrival also has a red bandanna and eventually chases the newcomer all the way home.

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