Crime And Justice A Guide To Criminology
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Tom comes home at supper time. His father, Judge Thatcher, is delighted to hear about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly tells him he must be skipped school that afternoon and work. Tom's brother, Sid, shows him that his coat is still on the clothesline, but Sid, Tom's half-brother, has put on his coat to disguise his identity. Tom goes out of the house in his coat and starts out along the street. He is started by a group of boys playing marbles and eventually chases the arrow over all the way home.

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Tom comes home at suppertime and Aunt Polly enters the room scolding him for his mischief. Tom tells her all about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly is left wondering if Tom can ever be whipped. Tom is sent to his room and Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and the new arrival of Mark Twain are frequent sights on the streets of St. Petersburg. Tom’s older brother, Sid, is always with him, and Tom is often accompanied by a friend. Tom and Mark Twain are frequently seen walking along the riverbank, whistling, and Generally rowd and loud.

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