Home Wisdom A Commonsense Guide To Living Simply Old Farmers Almanac Home Library
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 suppertime and tells Aunt Polly about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks about his school attendance and Tom has to be slipped school that afternoon and wants school to be canceled. Tom is overjoyed and hurries back home. Tom’s half-brother, Sid, finds Tom and tells him to disguise himself to disguise his being the one who skip school.

Tom goes out of the house to look for a place to wash his face. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom sees a man who looks like Tom’s friend Mark. Tom has a sure way to make Aunt Polly sated. When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly makes Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jon passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “piece of meat.” Jon almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
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 naughtiness and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time and is asked if he has been skipping school that afternoon and went elsewhere. He claims that he has been at school and shows her how his collar is still worn from the beating. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out to the house keys, and while the house is quiet, a whistle is heard. The whistle belongs to Jack, the new arrival. Tom is surprised and eventually chases the newcomer all the way home.

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

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 ush (sic) in almost every one, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.