

## THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER



Monday morning found Tom Sawyer miserable. He was suffering from stomach cramps and running a fever. What Tom failed to realize was that the reason for his illness was in good part attributable to his bosom buddy Sid. Earlier on, Sid hadn't washed his hands after using the outhouse. When they later shared the sugar they'd stolen from Aunt Polly, Sid passed to Tom a bacterial infection. Hence his present condition. Suddenly Aunt Polly burst into Tom's room. 'So all this moanin' and groanin' was because you thought you'd get to stay home from school?' With that, Aunt Polly grabbed a switch from near the fireplace and proceeded to whip poor sick Tom across the buttocks.

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