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Tom comes home at suppertime to find that his report card has been left on the table for him. He is not to be skipped school that afternoon and must return to school. He had not been to school all week, and Aunt Polly is satisfied.

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