Tom and the boy started fighting. They punched and scratched each other. The boy ran away crying. It was getting late, so Tom climbed through the bedroom window, because he didn't want his Aunt Polly to see him. But Aunt Polly was standing there, in his bedroom. She was very angry!

**Aunt Polly:** Thomas Sawyer! For what you did just now, you'll paint the fence tomorrow!

The next morning, Tom was standing in front of the fence. It was very long and very high. As he started painting, Ben, a friend from school, came by...

**Ben:** I'm going to the river, do you want to come with me?

Tom really wanted to go but he knew he couldn't. Then, he had an idea.

**Tom:** Aunt Polly let me paint the fence. Nobody else can do it, you know.

**Ben:** What do you mean? I can do it!

Ben gave Tom five of his marbles to let him paint. More boys came by, and Tom got them to do the job for him. In the afternoon the fence was as good as new, Tom had a lot of new toys and Aunt Polly was very pleased.