Caring For Older People A Shared Approach
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Tom comes home at supper and is accused of skipping school and playing truant. Despite this, he is allowed to go to the circus because he has been good about his chores. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that Tom should not be skipped school that afternoon and he needs to do his chores.

Tom and his new friend, Mark, go out to explore and Tom discovers something interesting. Tom and Aunt Polly are pleased with his progress, and eventually chases the newcomer all the way home.

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Tom comes home at suppertime, when Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom’s mother had been sick in bed and dozes off that afternoon and was absent from the dinner table. There was no news of Tom’s new arrival and no comment was made about the boy’s absence.

Tom goes out of the house to look for Jack Finn, his schoolmate who was supposed to be skipping school that afternoon and was supposed to join him in Tom’s scheme of stealing the bell from St. Peter’s Church. But Tom finds out that Jack Finn was still away from town, and Tom’s plan is dashed. Tom’s half-brother, Mac, arrives and Tom hurries down to the riverside to disguise his face and escape with the bell.

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