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through Tom-a touch of uncomfortable suspicion. He searched Aunt Polly's face, but it fold him nothing. So he said: "No'm--well, not very much." The old lady reached out her nand and felt form's shirt, and said: But you aim too warm now, mough. And it natured her to reflect that she had discovered that the shirt was dry without anybody knowing that that was what she had in her mind. But in spite of her, Tom knew where the wind lay, now. So he forestalled what might be the next move: "Some of us pumped on our heads--mine's damp yet. See?" Aunt of the proposed in the pr
 ws it with white, and sometimes she sews it with black. I wish to geeminy she'd stick to one or t'other--I can't
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 ge. He knew the model boy very well though--and loathed him. Within two minutes, or even less, he had for
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 are to a man, but because a new and powerful interest bore them down and drove them out of his mind fo
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 est was a valued novelty in whistling, which he had just acquired from a negro, and he was suffering to
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 ching the tongue to the roof of the mouth at short intervals in the midst of the music--the reader prob
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 nack of it, and he strode down the street with his mouth full of harmony and his soul full of gratitude.
deep, unalloyed pleasure is concerned, the advantage was with the boy, not the astronomer. The sum
afore him--a boy a shade larger than himself. A new comer of any age or either sex was an impressi
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 dressed on a week-day. This was simply astounding. His cap was a dainty thing, his close-buttone was only Friday. He even wore a necktie, a bright bit of ribbon. He had a citified air abo ut him th
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 p his nose at his finery and the shabbier and shabbier his own outfit seemed to him
 y kept face to face and eye to eye all the time. Finally Tom said: "I can lick yo you can't." "I can." "You can't." "Can!" "Can't!" An uncomfortable paus Vell I 'low I'll MAKE it my business." "Well why don't you?" "If you s ty smart, DON'T you? I could lick you with one hand tied beh in d Vell I WILL, if you fool with me." "Oh yes--I've seen whole is a mile with the beat!" "You was the test if you don't."
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 ant whitewashed streak with the far-reaching continent of unwhitewashed fence, a
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   with a tin pail, and singing Buffalo Gals. Bringing water from the town pump had al way
nembered that there was company at the pump. White, mulatto, and negro boys and gir
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is Gimme the bucket—I won't be gone only a a minute. SHE won't ever know." "Oh, I dasn't, Mars Tom. Ole missis she'd take an' tar de head off'n me. 'Deed she would." "SHE! She never licks anybody—whacks 'emarvel, I tell you! But his he don't cry. Jim, I'll give you a marvel. I'll give you a white alley!" Jim began to white alley, I'm! And besides, if you will I'll show you my sore toe." Jim was only human—this attraction was too much for him. He put down his pail, took the white alley, and bent over the toe with absorbing interest while the bandage was being unwound. In another moment he was flying down the street with his pail and a tingling rear, Tom was whitewashing with vigor, and Aunt Polly was retiring from the field with a slipper in her hand and triumph in her eye. But Tom's energy did not last. He began to think of the bandage was being unwound. In another moment he was flying down the street with his pail and a tingling rear, Tom was whitewashing with vigor, and Aunt Polly was retiring from the field with a slipper in her hand and triumph in her eye. But Tom's energy did not last. He began to think of the bendage was being unwound. In another moment he was flying down the street with his pail and a tingling rear, Tom was whitewashing with his pail, took the white alley, Jim her eye. But Tom's energy did not last. He began to this bordwe, and his sorrows multiplied. Soon the street began to this pocket, and gave up the idea of trying to buy the boys. At this dark and hopeless moment an inspiration burst upon him! Nothing less than a great, magnificent inspiration. He took up his brush and went tranquilly to work. Ben Rogers hove in sight presently—the very boy, of all boys, whose ridicule he had been dreading. Ben's gait was the hop-skip-end-jump—proof enough that his early and long, dong-dong, ding-dong-dong, din
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is now-let her go! Done with the engines, sir! Ting-a-ling-linig! SHTI S'HT! SHTI" (trying the gauge-cocks). Tom went on whitewashing-paid no attention to the steamboat. Ben slad: "Hello, old chap, and surveyed the result, as before. Ben ranged up alongside of him. Tom's mouth watered for the apple, but he stuck to his work. Ben slad: "Hello, old chap, and surveyed the result, as before. Ben ranged up alongside of him. Tom's mouth watered for the apple, but he stuck to his work. Ben slad: "Hello, old chap, and said: "What do you call work?" "Tom wheeled suddenly and said: "Why, it's you, Ben! I warn't noticing." "Say-I'm going in a-swimming, I am. Don't you wish you could? But of course you'd druther WORK-wouldn't you? Course you would!" Tom contemplated the boy a bit, and said: "What do you call work?" "Why, ain't THAT work?" To more sumed his whitewash a letter was a sole to the third was a face every day?" That put the thing in a new light. Ben stopped nibbling his apple. Tom swept his brush daintily back and forth-stepped back to note the erfect again-er-titicised the effect again-en-titicised well, and to the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised the effect again-en-titicised well, and to the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and to the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and to the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and to the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and to the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and the steepped back to note the erfect-added a touch here and there-criticised well, and the steepped back to note the erfect again. The brush continued to more the steepped back 
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