Tom Sawyer lives with his aunt polly and his half-brother Sid. He skips school to swim and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punishment. He cleverly persuades his friends to trade him small tresures for the privilege of doing his work. He then trades the tresures for Sunday school tickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses consistently of the superintendent who thought “it was simply preposterous that this boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of Scriptural wisdom on his premises-a dozen would strain his capacity, without a doubt.”