How To Rig An Election
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Tom comes home at supper time. His clothes are torn and his hands are covered with jam. He tells a tall tale about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly is shocked to learn Tom has skipped school that afternoon and spent the day playing and rowing his boat. She is pleased and shows him that his clothes are still covers from his latest adventure. Tom is happy to return and eventually chooses the newest one.

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Tom comes home at suppertime. He has a story to tell about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly asks him if he has been to school that afternoon and about various other matters. Tom’s tale is interrupted when his father enters the room. He asks Tom why he needs to be whipped. Tom’s answer is that he is tired of school and wants to run away. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom and the new arrival enter the front room and eventually choose the new room for the evening.

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