**Light at the End of the Tunnel**

From: Mark Twain

The Treasure

Tom went into the dark tunnel.

He saw a light and heard a noise.

"Who is looking for us?" he thought.

Suddenly he saw a hand with a candle.

Then he saw a man.

It was Injun Joe!

Tom was terribly scared.

But it was dark and Injun Joe did not see Tom.

Injun Joe went away quickly.

Tom returned to Becky but he did not tell her about Injun Joe.

She was very weak.

It was Tuesday and in St. Petersburg everyone was worried.

Where were Tom and Becky?

Many people from the village went to the cave and looked for them.

But they could not find them.

Mrs. Thatcher became very ill and Aunt Polly's hair became white.

Then on Tuesday night there was a lot of noise in the street of St. Petersburg.

"They're here! Becky and Tom are here!" cried the people happily.

No one went to sleep that night.

Everyone listened to Tom's story about his adventure in the cave.

"We were lost for a long time. We were hungry and scared. Then I remember the string in my pocket. I used the long string to help me. I went down many tunnels. And I always returned to Becky because I followed the string. Then I found another entrance to the cave. It was very small and it was near the river."

Tom and Becky were happy but very tired and hungry.

Becky stayed in bed for many days because she was weak.

Tom stayed in bed for a few days too.

Sometime after the adventure in the cave, Tom went to visit Becky.

Mr. Thatcher asked Tom, "Do you want to go to the cave again?"

"Oh, I'm not afraid of the cave," said Tom.

"Well, nobody is going into the cave again. There are big doors in front of the entrance now. And I have the keys," said Mr. Thatcher.

"What!" Tom's face became white.

"Is something wrong, Tom?" asked Mr. Thatcher.

"Injun Joe's in the cave!" cried Tom.

Many men from St. Petersburg went to the cave and opened the big doors.

They found Injun Joe on the ground.

He was dead.