**Searching for the Cross**

From: Mark Twain

After Injun Joe's funeral Tom went to see Huck.

"Now that Injun Joe is dead, we'll never find the money," said Huck sadly.

"Listen, Huck," said Tom, "I know where the money is!"

"Really?" asked Huck with big eyes.

"The money is in the cave! I saw Injun Joe in the cave. Why was he in the cave? Because he took the money there," said Tom.

"Say it again, Tom," said Huck.

"The money's in the cave and we can take it."

"But we'll get lost in the cave," said Huck.

"No, we won't. I've got candles and a long string. Let's go and get a boat!" said Tom.

They took a small boat and went down the Mississippi River to McDougal's Cave.

"Look, Huck, here's the other entrance," said Tom.

"It's very small," said Huck.

Tom and Huck went into the cave.

They were careful and used the long string to help them.

Tom suddenly stopped and said, "I saw Injun Joe here."

"His ghost is probably here too," said Huck, "Let's go now!"

'His ghost isn't here. It's probably at the other entrance."

"Well, alright. But let's hurry," said Huck.

Tom looked around slowly and then cried. "Look, here's the cross!"

There was a black cross on the wall of the cave.

"You're right! It's the cross!" said Huck.

"Let's dig under the cross."

They dug and dug.

Finally they found a small room.

There was a small bed, some old candles and a few bottles.

And there was the treasure box!

They opened it and saw the gold and silver coins.

"We're rich, Tom, we're rich!" cried Huck, "This is wonderful!"

"I always knew it!" said Tom, "Now let's take our treasure and leave."

They followed the long string and were soon out of the cave.

The two boys took their treasure to Aunt Polly's house.

A lot of people in St. Petersburg saw the boys and the treasure.

They followed them to Aunt Polly's house.

Aunt Polly was surprised to see the boys and all the people.

"Tom, what's in that old box?" she asked.

Tom opened the treasure box.

Everyone was amazed.

They looked at all the silver and gold coins.

There was $12,000!

Tom told his long story about Injun Joe and the treasure.

It was a great story and the people listened with their eyes wide open.

Now Tom and Huck were rich and famous in St. Petersburg!