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### SADIE'S PROOFS IN THE ROUGH.

Aunt Millie looked up from the book that she was reading, saying: "Come in," as a gentle tap sounded on her chamber door. Her little niece of ten came in eagerly with something which she held very carefully in her hands.

"I've come to show you the proofs of our pictures, auntie," she said. "Uncle Merton said I could bring them up to you."

"What proofs do you mean, Sadie? I did not know you had sat for your photographs lately," said her aunt, as she began to take the negative out of the big brown envelope in which they were placed for protection.

"I didn't either, Aunt Millie," laughed Sadie. "But Uncle Merton says that when he found out that he was going away with his regiment next month he made up his mind to have pictures of Harold and of me that would be just natural, as we are everyday—not prim and stiff, and in our best clothes, as the photographers take us. So he has been taking 'snap shots,' as he calls them, of us whenever he has had a chance."

"He has quite a variety to choose from," said Aunt Millie, looking at the pile in her lap. "He sought to have some satisfactory ones here, surely."

"He's going to finish them all, he says. There's some of them where Harold and I are together, and some

taken separately," was Sadie's reply. Aunt Millie picked up the top one saying:

"This is Harold's. I know that attitude well. He is puzzling his dear little noddle trying to think up some new mischief, I am sure. Here you are both. You can tell me about them, Sadie."

"We were looking at my new book. Our heads are bent down so you can't see much of our faces. There is one of Harold trying to make Kitty Clover eat some baked beans. She just despises 'em. See him holding her nose down on the plate," said Sadie with glee.

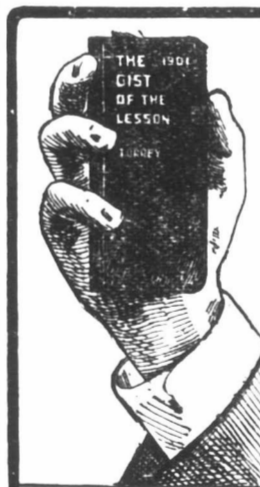
"This is mine. You see I'm making a johnny-cake for dinner, and I was trying to remember whether I had put in the cooking soda or not," she went on.

And Aunt Millie was compelled to laugh at the comical look of perplexity stamped on the little cook who leaned over the table anxiously



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