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### *THE MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.*

"Tom, do you know what 'relics' are?" asked little Edith Yorke of her brother, a bright looking boy of about ten years old, to whom she looked up as a model of cleverness since he had begun Latin. Tom liked her to go to him for information; for it must be owned he had rather a high opinion of his own knowledge, the actual amount of which, as far as English was concerned, had better, perhaps, not be inquired into, for he was not a lad given to much reading.

"Relics—relics," said he; "let me see. Oh, I know. Relics are dead people's bones, and widows."

"Oh, Tom, are you quite sure?"

"Yes, quite sure ; it just means that, and nothing else."

Edith shook her head in a disbelieving manner, which rather irritated Tom, who was not accustomed to have his word doubted in this quarter at all events.

"I tell you, Edith, I know I'm right, for I heard papa say Napoleon's *relics* were brought from St. Helena to Paris, to be buried there,—that meant his bones, of course. And I read in church last Sunday, on one of the monuments in the chancel, that Dame Dorothy Burton, *relic* of Lionel Burton, lies there. Now, do you believe me?"

"Yes," said Edith ; "but I don't understand, for grandmamma can't keep dead bones and widows in her cabinet. Yet she said to-day, when I asked her what she had inside those drawers, 'Nothing you would care to see, my dear. I have only old relics there,' and then she gave a deep sigh."

Tom looked puzzled in his turn ; but at