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Editorial.

FRIGHTENING CHILDREN.

People who have the care of little children vary in opinion as to the best means of punishing them, for even the best of little people need correction at times. The mother is without doubt the person to whom this duty belongs, and it is her paramount duty to see that it is never deputed to any one who will frighten the child. Nurses who are properly enough forbidden to administer corporeal punishment are very apt to fall back on some such methods if not carefully warned against them and due supervision exercised to see that these admonitions are not neglected. It is true, perhaps, that the imaginary person who was supposed to be always coming after naughty children—the bogeyman, in fact, of our own childish days—is a being of the past. But he has many relations closely resembling him, and on so important a matter mothers ought to be watchful.

If a child is constitutionally nervous it is no use to think that it can be made different by force. Argument, too, in many cases, only intensifies the terrors which children often feel if left alone in the dark, and gives definite expression to fears which are purely imaginary. Many people argue that a child who is afraid to be left alone or to go into a dark room