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Auld Mrs. BROON has for some time been pestered with the troublesome Rag Baby—a most uncanny little creature, that has given her more trouble than she feels at all disposed to suffer. The bairnie was thrust upon her hands *volens volens*, and as it bore the unmistakable marks of Tory parentage, Mrs. Broon's first and natural impulse was to put it out of existence. This she has earnestly endeavored to do, but in vain. She has dosed it with ridicule, blistered it with sarcasm, whalloped it with logic, and starved it with thin wit—but the unspeakable youngster has continued to thrive to such an extent that Mrs. BROON has become decidedly alarmed. She forces that in a short time, at this rate, the Baby will become one of the powers of Toryism, and so she has taken desperate measures. She has engaged a regular Baby-Farmer—a ruthless creature known as "Finance"—to murder the little wretch with the weapon of Argument. "Finance" has delivered three formal thrusts up to the present writing, but their effect upon the Baby has not been fatal. On the contrary the child seems livelier than ever. Mr. GRIP holds himself in readiness, however, to chronicle its demise at any moment.

Nonsense.

It was a bad boy who prob-pooched Propositions to have him tattooed Like the Princes have been : " They must be deuced green." Said that boy—(Oh! how naughtily and rude!

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Answers to Correspondents.

Mrs. FITZ G.— We cannot advise you to get your little boy's nose tattooed immediately. It would certainly be a fine thing to have him lead the fashion, but perhaps the noses of the young Princes are not done in fast colors. We do not yet know the size or the outline of the device adopted by the Royal youths. You had better wait till the exact truth has been ascertained by the *Globe's* Ottawa correspondent.

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