

Hawthorn in his story of "Feathertop"—only capable of existing and efficiency while he is smoking, but sinking into dimness and stupidity when he stops.

Such are some of the chances of poor babies! God help the poor little things! They never asked to be born, and their parents, if they will bring them into existence, owe them every attention to make that existence a blessing.

More About Hair Dye.

A PHYSICIAN writes to the Boston *Journal of Chemistry*, in regard to two cases of partial paralysis that had come under his notice, caused by the use of "Hall's Vegetable Sicilian" hair restorative. He says: One complained of cold creeping chills and a sensation of numbness in the back of the head and neck; the other had the peculiar symptoms of lead paralysis in the arm and wrist. Both had used the nostrum freely, and recovered after I had advised them of its contents, and they had discontinued its use.

Any one may satisfy himself of the contents of this filthy compound by the peculiar sticky feeling of acetate of lead, when rubbed between the fingers, or by placing a drop upon the tongue and noting the sweetish astringent taste of the salt. Or if he wishes more accurate evidence, let him try the effect of a drop or two of solution of iodide of potassium, added to a filtered portion of the 'Renewer.' Other tests might be given, but this is as convenient as any.

I cannot see how the consumer can fail to absorb lead into the system, if the directions on the bottle are carefully carried out: "*Rub the scalp thoroughly, after which leave the scalp and hair thoroughly saturated with it, &c.*"

THE town clerk of Newton, Massachusetts, in his report of the vital statistics of that town, says: The number of deaths by consumption has usually been about one-fourth of the whole; the past year but fourteen; a favourable change in the leading disease of New England. The favourable result of the change from thin to thick soles on the boots and shoes of our females is already visible.