



PRIZE BABY SHOWS.

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Much of the interest centers in the voting contest, which is for the most popular baby. It costs five cents for a vote, and nearly every spectator in the hall is beguiled into casting one or more ballots. The prize is the most valuable of all, and, as the time draws to a close, there is as much excitement over the probable result as if it were a presidential election. Usually there are several favorites, and their respective adherents scurry about canvassing for votes, while those most interested think nothing of casting five or ten votes at a time for their especial candidates. In this connection, a story is told of a well-known physician who acted as one of the judges several years since. One of his patients and an intimate friend of his family was the mother of one of the rival contestants for this coveted prize, and, by keeping careful tally, he was aware that his favorite was about fifteen votes behind the leader. Waiting till just one minute before the time limit was up, the wily doctor dropped in twenty votes at a cost of a dollar from his own pocket, and then closed the polls before the friends of the other leader could rally to the occasion. Of course his candidate drew the prize, but the storm that burst over the head of the perfidious judge ought to have been sufficient to convince any man of the error of his ways. This, however, happened three years ago, and, as the same physician has been called upon each year, ever since, to serve in a like capacity, it is probable that this single lapse from rectitude has been condoned.

Outside of the one, or, at most, two voting contests, the awarding of all the other prizes is left entirely with the judges, and unless a man be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove, with a winning presence and persuasive tongue, it were better for his future popularity that he decline the honor. To the outsider, whose interest centers in no particular baby, perhaps the most enjoyable feature is the closing act. This takes place after all the prizes have been awarded, and a photographic view taken of the pretty scene. The three judges are then called to the platform, where they listen meekly to the laudatory remarks of the president of the society, who thanks them for all their efforts and pains, and finishes by presenting each with a box of cut flowers in token of appreciation. The fact that the eyes of many of the mothers present are fixed on the offending trio with a strong glare, as these same parents reflect on the blindness displayed toward the charms of their own Carlings detracts in nowise from the enjoyment of the spectators. With subdued mien, the three culprits accept their floral tributes, and then make good their escape before they can be called upon for embarrassing explanations. Each declares

emphatically in the privacy of the home circle that he will never be caught in such a scrape again, but, year after year, the same parties are urged to accept the office, and it is very seldom that the compliment is declined.

The society referred to has cleared anywhere from sixty to a hundred dollars at each of its annual baby shows, and it is unanimously conceded, not only by the managers thereof, but the public generally, that they will attract more patronage and enthusiasm than almost any other form of money-raising entertainment. It is not absolutely necessary to hire a hall for the purpose, as the church parlors could be used, thus entailing no expense whatever, but the former plan assures a much better financial issue. When held by a society in its own church, it is only the members of the congregation concerned who can be expected to respond to the solicitations for prizes, besides which the attendance will naturally be much smaller. As a means of raising funds for some worthy charity, like a day nursery or children's home, which has no connection with any single religious denomination, it is quite possible that a widely advertised baby show might be fully as profitable as the regulation sale of fancy articles and homemade candies. [Adeline.]

BABIES.

If you desire to drain to the dogs the fullest cup of scorn and hatred that a fellow human creature can pour out for you, let a young mother hear you call the dear baby "it." Your best plan is to address the articles as "little angel." The noun "angel," being of common gender, suits the case admirably, and the epithet is sure of being favorably received. "Pet" or "beauty" are useful for variety's sake, but "angel" is a term that brings you the greatest credit for sense and good feeling. The word should be preceded by a short giggle and accompanied by as much smile as possible. And, whatever you do, don't forget to say that the child has got its father's nose. This "fetches" the parents (if I may be allowed a vulgarism) more than anything. They will pretend to laugh at first, and will say, "Oh, nonsense!" You must then get excited, and insist that it is a fact. You need have no conscientious scruples on the subject, because the thing's nose really does resemble its father's—at all events, quite as much as it does anything else in nature—being, as it is, a mere smudge.

In the tones of a high priestess, directing some religious mystery, the nurse says, holding the bundle toward you, "Take her in your arms, sir." You are too crushed to offer any resistance, and so meekly accept the burden. "Put your arm more down her middle, sir," says the high priestess, and then all step back and watch you intently as though you were going to do a trick with it.

The child itself, who has hitherto been regarding you with an expression of mingled horror and disgust, puts an end to the nonsense by beginning to yell at the top of its voice, at which the priestess rushes forward and snatches it from you with, "There, there, there! What did ums do to ums?" "How very extraordinary!" you say, pleasantly. "Whatever made it go off like that?" "Oh, why, you must have done something to her!" says the mother, indignantly, "the child wouldn't scream like that for nothing." It is evident they think you have been running pins into it.

Babies, though, with all their crimes and errors, are not without their use—not without use, surely, when they fill an empty heart; not without use when, at their call, sunbeams of love break through care-clouded faces; not without use when their little fingers press wrinkles into smiles.—[Jerome K. Jerome.]

Cakes for the Children—One cup thick cream, 2 cups of good syrup, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup boiling hot water, 1 egg, 1 small teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon allspice, lemon peel shredded very fine, 2 dessertspoons butter. Put all in pan except soda, flour and baking powder. Now put 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 qt flour and 1 teaspoon salt in pan, stir all together with a large

spoon, then turn all into one pan. Stir with large spoon, add flour as for soft cookies, roll them with a light touch quarter of an inch thick, sprinkle white sugar over top, push one raisin down in center of each cookie, bake quickly in light brown. Heat small top jar, set the cookies in on edge, cover tight and set in cellar. [Subscriber.]

HUSL WHILE YER WAIT.

Sum fokes sez dat dey's unfortnit,
Dat dey's allus in tuf luck;
Dat no matter how dey struggl,
In de mud dey's allus stuck.
Dem's de fokes dats allus idle,
Allus waitin', allus late,
Ef dey want to have sum good luck,
Let 'em hustl while dey wait.

Allus waitin' fer sumpin ter tu'n up?
Layin' yo tools up on de shelf?
Go ter wuk and quit yo lofin,
Tu'n up sumpin' fer yosef.
Allus axin God ter help yer,
Tho' yer never mends yo kait!
He yo jint and grese yo must,
Git up'n hustl while yer wait.

[H. E. Jones.]

Teacher: If one man can perform a piece of work in six days, how long will it take six men to do it?

Willie: About six weeks.

"How do you get that?"

"Six men would get up a strike."

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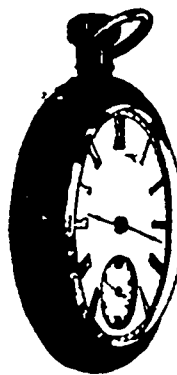
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