

DRESSING THE BABY.

When a woman goes to work to dress a two-year-old baby, she does it in a systematic, business-like manner, and without any noise or fuss; and before you know it, the youngster is all dand in her hands with his face washed and hair combed, his clothing in shipshape order and a ten dollar chromo under his arm. This all comes from knowing how. With a man it is different. He makes elaborate preparations and puts on the air of one who is getting an eighty-four gun ship ready for a two-years' cruise. He collects the youngster's duds together in a heap, gathering them up from pretty much all over the house, and after a deal of bawling for this, and sharp snapping inquiries for that, and an unlimited amount of getting down on his knees and looking round under the furniture for the other (all of which comes from his having undressed the child the night before), he at length sits resolutely down in a chair and with feeble attempt at good nature says: "Come, Freddie, come to papa, and have your coes on."

The child who is just then travelling around in his nightdress, and playing with a damp towel and a stove-wrench, makes a bee line for the door, full of a desire to escape into the next room. "Come, Freddie, come to papa, like a good boy," with a brave effort at patience. The child keeps to its course. "Fred!" This sounds so much like business that the youngster stops, turns, and tacking slowly up to the now stern-browed parent, gradually gets within reach, when a sudden grab of his arm brings him into position where the damp towel slaps round on the father's clean shirt front, and the stove-wrench plumps solidly down upon the very top of his foot. "Oh, dear, dear!" he screams in agony, nursing the foot with one hand and shaking the poor innocent with the other: whereupon innocent sets up an accompanying yell.

A voice from below, where the wife and mother is busy with getting breakfast, joins in the chorus—"Olumsted Mollstone, what on earth are you doing to that child?" "Oh, you keep quiet!" goes back the quick reply, in a short, ugly, desperate growl, that silences all further inquiry. Then the father, after rubbing his foot and growling a while, squares the child round and begins the process of dressing him, which is mostly made up of dreadful struggles between clamped fingers and smooth porcelain buttons, a general misplacing of garments hind-side before and upside down, searches after the missing articles, and talks like the following:—"Turn round!" "Stand still!" "Hold your arm up!" "Can't you let things be?" "Stop reaching!" "Hold up your head!" "Up I say!" "Can't you keep still?" "Where's that other skirt?" "Let go!" "Now where is that pin?" "Stand up!" "There now!" "Why don't you fall down and be done with it?" "Stop your howling!" "Stop!" "Let that be!" "Behave!" "Say, why don't you have four or five thousand more buttons on your clothes?" "Now where's that stocking?" "Keep your foot still!" "Say, keep your foot—still!" "Gimme the other foot!" "No the other?" "Can't you see?" "What do you want to spread your toes out for? How do your feet look? I'm going to put your stockings on with your foot in that shape?" "Stop it I say!" "How now?" "—What? What stuck that pin in that way?" "You, of course," says a cold, thin, cutting voice, and he glances up and his wife looking down on him in a taunting, exasperating sort of way. "I'd be ashamed of myself," she continues "to go on in that way and get so out of patience with a little bit of a baby. You're been making noise enough to awake the dead, and his clothes look as if they'd been thrown on with a pitchfork. Gimme him!" And he gets up sheepishly and sullenly, and after slamming and stamping round the house after the liniment bottle and banging doors and making as big a noise as he can, he works himself up into such a state of meanness and mortification that, to spite himself, he goes off down town without his breakfast.

Given Up by Doctors. It is possible that Mr. Godfrey is up and at work, and cured by so simple a remedy? "I assure it is true that he is entirely cured, and with nothing but Hop Bitters; and only ten days ago his doctors gave him up and said he must die!" "Well-a-day! That is remarkable! I will go this day and get some for my poor George—I know hops are good."—Salem Post.

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THE WELLSLAND CANAL.

Altogether the most important of the questions which relate to the commerce and future prosperity of New York is the one which the government of the Dominion is forcing upon our notice. There may be no occasion for alarm, much less for panic; but we cannot afford to ignore what Canada is doing to take away our trade, and we shall be blind to our interests if we do not "take time by the forelock" by countervailing measures. The danger is not imaginary. It is not, indeed, so formidable that it cannot be averted by timely precautions, but it is of sufficient magnitude to put us on the alert if we are not willing to see Montreal collapse New York as the great point of exportation for the American grain trade.

The enlargement of the Welland Canal is the first step in the work laid out for itself by Canada, and the Herald, keenly alive to whatever affects the trade and prosperity of New York, has caused a personal inspection of the canal to be made as it is at the present date. The letter from St. Catharines, which we print to-day, with accompanying maps, will enable readers to understand the topographical and engineering features which form the basis of the situation. In the wonderful drain of great fresh water seas, which are the most remarkable thing in the geography of the continent, there is but one great obstacle to easy communication with the Atlantic. In the first tour of the great lakes there is no difference of level to impede navigation except a slight descent from Lake Superior. But from the fourth to the fifth of these great sheets of inland water—that is to say, from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario—there is an abrupt change of level, the waters of Erie pouring into those of Ontario through Niagara River and down its stupendous cataract. The conception of the Welland Canal originated in the fact that across the neck of the Niagara Peninsula the two last lakes of the series are separated by a distance of only twenty-seven miles through a strip of land which permits the construction of an artificial waterway. A bare inspection of the map suggested this canal as inevitably as an inspection of the map suggests the Darien Canal. Except for the falls in the Niagara River the commerce of the great lake would naturally pass down the St. Lawrence, which drains them all. It is the purpose of the Welland Canal to flank this great obstacle created by nature. Whether it will divert the grain trade into the St. Lawrence depends on the foresight of the Legislature of New York in adopting countervailing measures before the trade is lost.—N. Y. Herald.

ROBBERY, MURDER AND ARSON.

BAGNOT, Ont., April 13.—This afternoon I paid a visit to the ruins of the house lately occupied by W. Hasking. It is situated about a mile and a half south-west of the village of Wooler, which place is ten or twelve miles from here. The farm and buildings of the deceased are off the main road three-quarters of a mile, situated on a side-line known as Gimlet Line. A more desolate forsaken place for a home could not well be imagined, and now that robbery, murder and incendiary have done their work, the place looks doubly forlorn and lonely. The old man Hasking lived for some 78 years in the house now in ashes, and was 78 years of age. He has been twice married, but owing to family broils has been separated from his last wife for several years. She, however, on learning of his death, promptly set up a claim for his property. The evidence given at the inquest yesterday failed to elicit anything that threw much light on this unfortunate affair, and an adjournment for one week was made to, if possible, get evidence to assist in favour of the mystery. The strong points in favour of the idea of foul play are briefly these: A gun, which he has for years kept hanging over his bed, cannot be found, also a large butcher knife, which he usually took in one hand, while opening the door with the other, so as to be prepared for tramps or robbers should they call for admittance. Two hams, which he took out of the evening of the fire were hanging in the shanty, are nowhere to be found, and they cannot have been burned up. The lock of the trunk, which he always kept under the bed, was found in the ruins, with evident signs of having been forcibly wrenched off, and, lastly, the fire commenced in the east end of the house, while the stove was located in the west end. Another fact that should, perhaps, be mentioned was that his axe was found inside of the house, while every one who knows him said that it was always kept outside the door. Various theories have been advanced as to the way the murderer took place. It is probable that the murderer or murderers rapped at the door, and the old man opened it, being instantly knocked down in his tracks, as the position of his body indicated that he fell backward directly opposite the open door. Probably the axe was used and then set in the place where found, after which the robbery was committed and then the fire set. The general opinion among the neighbors is that the murdered man was possessed of some money, which he had up to last summer committed to the care of Mr. Gould, of Wooler, but after that man's death he took charge of it himself, relying on his gun and knife, and not on the honesty of his neighbors, to take care of it. The Township Council of Murray met to-night, and it is thought a reward of \$200 will be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the supposed murderers. What remains of the body will be interred to-morrow. He was, as far as known, a Cornishman, and has no relations in this country.

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800 tie cutters to cut ties on the line of the extensions of the Denver and Rio Grande Railways, from Alamosa to Silverton, Col., from Alamosa to Albuquerque, N.M., and from Canon City, Col., westward. Price paid per tie, 8 cents. The cutters can board themselves at a cost not during the next ten months can be secured. In anticipation of enquiries it is here stated that free transportation will not be furnished, but that on application to railroad officials, free transportation from Denver to the end of the D. & R. G. track will be furnished tie-cutters intending to go to work.

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