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THE BABY AT OUR HOUSE There's no use talking, the editorial department of this institution will remain in chaos and the editorial brain will be utterly and helplessly discumfuddled, as it were, until public notice is served that there is a baby at our house.

There, now, what a relief.

Of course, Ross Hammond, with a whole armful of sweet babies, and most of our esteemed contemporaries, excepting Adam Breed and other bachelor editors, well understand the impulse which impels us to proclaim to the world the advent of our heavenly guest.

Our first inclination is to indulge in poetry, but we have no desire to take from Bixby, Maupin and James Whitcomb Riley the laurels of a life work and retire them in old age to comparative obscurity.

Then, we resolved to write a pon-\$2.00 derous dissertation on "miracles" 2.35 but the nurse says they are mighty common things. We then essayed a minute description of the surpass-1.25 1.50 ing charms of the seraphic one, but found the opinion of others so at 1.35 variance with ours as to lose the 1.35 inspiration. Therefore we are limited to the simple statement that it 1.35 was the most thrilling scoop ever achieved in our newspaper experi-1,35 ence. It may not have attracted 1.35 so much attention or inspired vanity as some of the great gobs of ink 1.00 which have surmounted our signa-1.00 ture in the World-Herald while in the callow of our youth, but the sen-1.25 sation is far more genuine and lasting, and nobody got mad about it either.

But when it comes to a thing of beauty and a joy forever, nothing can compare to a baby, and our baby \$2.00 is certainly the dearest and most ange-hush, there now, you squal-1.80 ling tempest of colic, papa is coming with a big stick.—H. C. Richmond 1.60 in Fremont (Neb.) Herald. 1.50

#### ENCOURAGING

1.25 Over in the Salmon River Meadows Country, in Idaho, ranged a 1:35 wild and woolly bunch of longhaired cow punchers, whose knowl-1.35 edge of the world was confined main-1.35 ly to trips after cattle into surround-1.00 ing counties. Into this reckless but verdant community there came the 1.00 smooth-tongued representative of a 1.00 wild west show, who hired several riders at a high salary to do a hairraising act, the chief feature be-1.00 ing that they should appear to be thrown from their horses and 1.00 dragged by the foot. After they had practiced in a coral 1.00 for awhile, one of them loosened 1.00 himself, and, rising from the dirt, dishevelled and dazed, inquired: 1.00 "Say, mister, ain't this ruther dangerous? We might git killed." "That's all right," chirped the show's representative cheerfully. 1.00 1.00 "Your salary will go on just the same."-Lippincott's. 1.00 1.00 THE RULING PASSION 1.15 The prison reformer met the con-1.00 victed lawyer in his striped garb. "And what brought you here, un-1.25 happy man?" she asked him. Our price His old-time cleverness asserted itself. "An automobile," he blithely replied .- Cleveland Plain Dealer. \$3.25 2.75 FAIR PLAY FOR OKLAHOMA 1.60 Politics is uncertain, but it is rea-2.20 sonably sure that Oklahoma will be a democratic state, with seven votes 1.60 in the college, if admitted in time to 2.35 vote in the election of next year. Those seven votes may decide the 2.35 thing, as did the three votes of Colorado thirty-two years earlier. His-1.35 tory sometimes repeats itself. The g. o. p. is human, and it is only nat-1.00 ural for it to file a protest against are adding seven votes to the democratic column in the college of 1908. But

there is another consideration. The thing would be transparent, and it would be arbitrary. Deep seated in the American character is a love of fair play, and an injury visited on Oklahoma might be resented in some other communities where republican fences are not so secure as they were. And it is possible that is what will fetch Oklahoma into the sisterhood in time to vote at the election of 1908 .- Washington Post.

### STILL CUTTING

The stranger returned to the village after a long absence.

"And what has become of the village cut-up?" asked the stranger.

"O, he is grown up now," drawled the old postmaster.

'And is he still a cut-up?" "O, yes. He is one of these here doctors." - Chicago appendicitis News.

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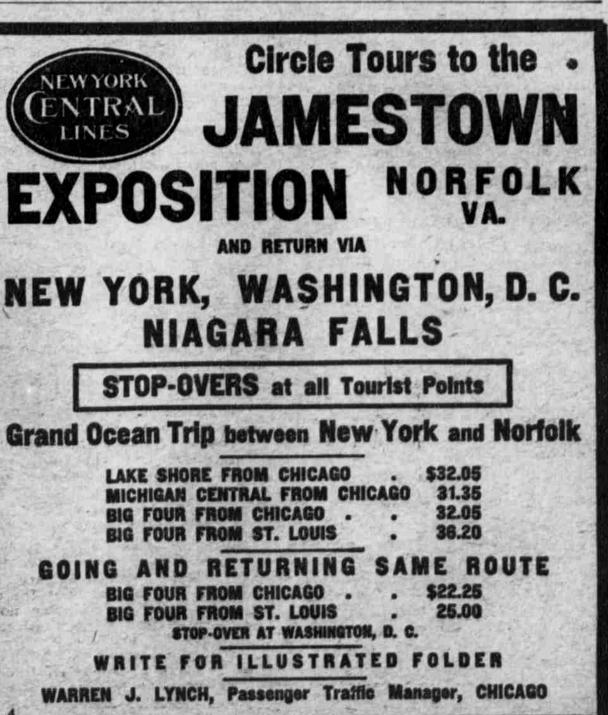
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