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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 Whitecomb Riley the laurels of a life work and retire them in old age to comparative obscurity.

Then, we resolved to write a ponderous dissertation on "miracles" but the nurse says they are mighty common things. We then essayed a minute description of the surpassing charms of the seraphic one, but found the opinion of others so at variance with ours as to lose the inspiration. Therefore we are limited to the simple statement that it was the most thrilling scoop ever achieved in our newspaper experience. It may not have attracted so much attention or inspired vanity as some of the great gobs of ink which have surmounted our signature in the World-Herald while in the callow of our youth, but the sensation 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 is certainly the dearest and most ange-hush, there now, you squalling tempest of colic, papa is coming with a big stick.—H. C. Richmond in Fremont (Neb.) Herald.

### ENCOURAGING

Over in the Salmon River Meadows Country, in Idaho, ranged a wild and woolly bunch of long-haired cow punchers, whose knowledge of the world was confined mainly to trips after cattle into surrounding counties. Into this reckless but verdant community there came the smooth-tongued representative of a wild west show, who hired several riders at a high salary to do a hair-raising act, the chief feature being that they should appear to be thrown from their horses and dragged by the foot.

After they had practiced in a corral for awhile, one of them loosened himself, and, rising from the dirt, dishevelled and dazed, inquired:

"Say, mister, ain't this ruther dangerous? We might 'git killed."

"That's all right," chirped the show's representative cheerfully.

"Your salary will go on just the same."—Lippincott's.

### THE RULING PASSION

The prison reformer met the convicted lawyer in his striped garb.

"And what brought you here, unhappy man?" she asked him.

His old-time cleverness asserted itself.

"An automobile," he blithely replied.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### FAIR PLAY FOR OKLAHOMA

Politics is uncertain, but it is reasonably sure that Oklahoma will be a democratic state, with seven votes in the college, if admitted in time to vote in the election of next year. Those seven votes may decide the thing, as did the three votes of Colorado thirty-two years earlier. History sometimes repeats itself. The g. o. p. is human, and it is only natural for it to file a protest against 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 appendicitis doctors." — Chicago News.

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