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YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER.

WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

It matters little where I was born,
Or if my parents were rich or poor;
Whether they shrank at the cold world's scorn,
Or walked in the pride of wealth secure;
But whether I live an honest man,
And hold my integrity in my clutch,
I tell you, brother, plain as I can,
It matters much!

It matters little how long I stay
In a world of sorrow, sin and care;
Whether in youth I am called away,
Or live till my bones and pate are bare;
But whether I do the best I can,
To soften the weight of adversity's touch
On the faded cheek of my fellow-man,
It matters much!

It matters little where be my grave,
Or on the land or on the sea;
By purling brook or 'neath the stormy wave,
It matters little or naught to me;
But whether the angel Death comes down,
And marks my brow with his loving touch,
As one that shall wear the victor's crown,
It matters much!

Our Baby.

I never could see the use of babies. We have one at our house that belongs to mother, and she thinks everything of it. I can't see anything wonderful about it. All it can do is to cry and pull hair and kick. It hasn't half the sense of my dog, and it can't even chase a cat. Mother and Sue wouldn't have a dog in the house, but they are always going on about the baby and saying "ain't it perfectly sweet!"

The worst thing about a baby is that you're expected to take care of him, and then you get scolded afterward. Folks say, "Here, Jimmy! just hold the baby a minute, that's a good boy;" and then as soon as you have got it they say, "Don't do that! my goodness gracious, the boy will kill the child! hold it up straight, you good for nothing little wretch!" It is pretty hard to do your best and then be scolded for it, but that is the way boys are treated. Perhaps after I'm dead folks will wish they had done differently.

Last Saturday mother and Sue went out to make calls, and told me to stay home and take care of the baby. There was a baseball match, but what did they care? They didn't want to go to it, and so it made no difference whether I went to it or not. They said they would be gone only a little while, and if the baby waked up I was to play with it and keep it from crying, and "be sure you don't let it swallow any pins." Of course, I had to do it. The baby was sound asleep when they went out, so I left it just for a few minutes while I went to see if there was any pie in the pantry. If I was a woman I wouldn't be so dreadfully suspicious as to keep everything locked up. When I got back up stairs again, the baby was awake and was howling like he was full of pins. So I gave him the first thing that came handy to keep him quiet. It happened to be a bottle of French polish with a sponge in it on the end of a wire that Sue uses to black her shoes, because girls are too lazy to use the regular blacking-brush.

The baby stopped crying as soon as I gave him the bottle, and I sat down to read the *Young People*. The next time I looked at him he'd got out the sponge and about half his face was jet black. This was a nice fix, for I knew nothing could get the black off his face, and when mother came home she would say the baby was spoiled and I had done it. Now I think an all black baby is ever so much more stylish than an all white baby, and when I saw the baby was part black I made up my mind that if I blacked it all over it would be worth more than it ever had been, and perhaps mother would be ever so much pleased. So I hurried up and gave it a good coat of black. You should have seen how that baby shined! The polish dried just as soon as it was put on, and I had just time to get the baby dressed again when mother and Sue came in.

I wouldn't lower myself to repeat their unkind language. When you've been called a murdering little villain and an unnatural son it will rankle in your heart for ages. After what they said to me I didn't even seem to mind about father, but went up stairs with him almost as if I was going to church or something that wouldn't hurt much.

The baby is beautiful and shiny, though the doctor says it will wear off in a few years. Nobody shows any gratitude for all the trouble I took, and I can tell you it isn't easy to black a baby without getting it into his eyes and hair. I sometimes think that it is hardly worth while to live in this cold and unfeeling world.

A Prominent Actor's Belief.

Mr. Tony Pastor, of New York City, the great humorist and actor, was signally benefitted by the Great German Remedy, and felt constrained to testify to its efficacy for the benefit of others suffering in the same way.

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