

### DESPERATE

For three successive nights Newpop had walked the floor with the baby. On the fourth night he became desperate and bought a bottle of soothing sirup.

"Why, James," exclaimed his wife when she saw the bottle, "what did you buy that for? Don't you know it is very dangerous to give a child anything like that?"

"Don't worry," was her husband's reply. "I'm going to take it myself."

### AN IMPORTANT POINT

A man who had made a huge fortune was speaking a few words to a class at a business college. Of course the main theme of his address was himself.

"All my success in life, all my financial prestige," he said, proudly, "I owe to one thing alone—pluck. Just take that for your motto—Pluck, pluck, pluck!" He made an impressive pause here, but the effect was ruined by one student, who asked impressively:

"Yes, sir, but please tell us how and whom did you pluck?"

### A KNOCK-DOWN ARGUMENT

A northern attorney, after acquiring a large South Carolina estate, formed the Eureka Debating Society to encourage free speech among the negroes of the neighborhood. On his next trip south he was confronted by the proud winner of the society's prize.

"Now what was the subject of the debate, Sam?" asked the attorney.

"De subject were, What is de mos' benefit to mankind, sah, de sun or de moon?" answered the negro.