BUYING A HAT FOR JIMMIE.

Jimmle, on the drop seat of the brougham, leaned forward and asked his aunt where they were going. She named a big department store and his face lighted up. "They have ice cream soda in the basement," said he.

"Oh, I'm sure it can't be good!" "No-o-o-o." Jimmle always agrees with a lady. "It isn't so bad, though. When we bought the kitchen coal-hod Courtney treated me. We had choc'late and strawberry mixed-oh, fine! Don't you think I might treat him to-day? I could carry a glass out to the car-

riage without spilling a drop." He auddenly thrust his head out of the carriage. "Courtney, what kind-" His aunt dragged him inside. "Some

other time," she said. "What can I do?" he asked, after

gloomy pause. 'We're going to buy a hat, dear."

"I don't want any old hat."

"A nice new bat."

This feebly jocose correction fell flat, Jimmle grasped the hat on his head with both painfully gloved hands and dragged it down to his ears. "It's just got comfor'ble!" he moaned. "She"he meant no disrespect to his mother -"wants to send this one to the Indians or the Florida children, I s'pose." A gleam of hope illuminated his face. "I wish they might have the new one I wouldn't mind having it fitted on me.

Don't you think they'd be pleased?" Jimmie's aunt ignored this artful appeal. "You know your mother wishes you to be spick and span when grandma comes Thursday."

"Oh, my grandma won't mind," con fidently. "And I'd brush up great!" His aunt shook her head.

"Perhaps boots would do? They'd be all right. New ones kick fine." This easy sacrifice to the home goddess was promptly rejected, and Jimmle knew then that it was to be a

"When I buy them myself they'll be old and big, and everything new will go into the barrel-and maybe there won't be any barrel," he threatened,

darkly. Jimmie helped his aunt to alight at Cut & Cash's store, and followed her to the hat counter, the sullen tread of his feet speaking volumes of disgust. The counter was surrounded by women, mostly mothers, but Jimmie's

turn came at last. "Well, lady," said the perspiring clerk, "what can I show you for your little boy?"

"She's not my mother!" said Jimmis. "She's my aunt. She isn't even married. My father says-"

"Show me something in a white straw, please," Jimmie's aunt said, hastily. "Something suitable for a boy of nine."

"Nearly ten," corrected Jimmle. "My

father says-" 'Something a little wider in the brim, and I prefer a navy-blue band," said Jimmie's aunt.

"My father-" began Jimmle. But his aunt promptly clapped a hat on his head, and his tune changed. "It don't feel good! It's too small! And I don't want an elastic under my chin; only small hids wear them. Oh. it DICACDEEADIE harts my head?"

When the clerk was on his knees opening boxes, trying to find another lmt, Jimmie again became amlably sociable

"The last time the New London man was there, he said-"

"Something similar to his old hat will be right," said Jimmle's aunt, in

an agitated fabetto. 'The New London man said, 'A kiss s New London man said. 'A kiss the reflections. A red, rough skin is fatal to cood as a smile.' "continued Jimbeauty, and blackheads, blotches and pimples are ruinous to the complexion, and no wonder such is as good as a smile," " continued Jim-

heard-"This will do. You need not look cover over the defects, and some never stop to consider any further," said Jimmie's aunt, seigthe danger in skin foods, face lotions, soaps, salves ing a hat and placing it on Jimmie's and powders, but apply them vigorously and often with out regard to consequences, and many complexions are ruined by the chemicals and poisons contained in these cosmetics. head with a determined hand. The clerk rose, but not before he was mast-

turn over the slips in his book. "You must be awfully rattled, aunty," said Jimmie. "This is my old task. Some simple wash or ointment

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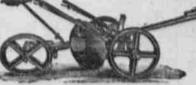
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