

The Baby Show.

THE START.

Wonderful babes at the Baby Show, Sitting so beautiful, all in a row; Rosy and smiling, the dear little pets, In their pink, their blue and their green rosettes; English and Irish, Welsh and Scotch, Mingled together—a sweet hotch-potch; Fat babes, chubby babes, bright and gay— Crowling, Laughing, Cooing all day! No fairer flowers on earth may grow Than those dear little babes at the Baby Show!

Mothers so proud, at the Baby Show, "Mashing" the Judges, as past they go; Each looking round, with a cold disdain, On the other babies so cross and plain, Or feigning to chatter, with fancy free, As they nurse their darlings or sip their tea. Mothers grow tired, as the day wears on— Shifting, Yawning, Wishing it done!

Oh, a mother's heart must warmly glow Ere she stands the toil of a Baby Show!

THE FINISH.

"Kids" so cross, at the Baby Show, Their pipes so shrill begin to blow, Young Albert yells for his evening pap, And Luel sprawls in her mamma's lap; Like a Highlandman's Heaven of musical joy Scream the fattest girl and the curliest boy; The red-haired lass and the best-dressed lad Are squalling, Bawling, Yelling like mad! Filled with sighs of sorrow and sounds of woe Are the closing scenes of the Baby Show!

Beautiful, blissful Baby Show! The prizes are given, and home we go, Now Mrs. MacGrumlie, in Doric tones, Is sympathising with Jenny Ap Jones: "Oor bairns got naething; but what o' that? They're no' like yon wee, unassigned brat!" Says Bridget—"My child, among all the rest, Was purtiest, Curliest, Darlingest, best! Thus, with hearts that with heavenly love o'erflow, The mothers go home from the Baby Show!

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