

Wit and Gossip.

BABY TALK—A PROTEST.
I am, generally speaking, well disposed toward the language of my own, my native land; indeed, I have rather a warm affection for that otherwise; for it is the common laborious writing that has produced a few of my garments, my toiles, and my blouses.

It is then, a matter of perfect concern to me, that this language is rapidly degenerating. I hear nobody speak it correctly. The conversation of intelligent persons is, in general, of a most abominable quality. I often wonder if we may not say to a child, in a moment of instinctive wrath, "I'll learn you a few words of grammar!" Comment is superfluous.

I believe that the great trouble lies in our early training. The young and plastic minds while yet the bairn, and the diaper are our familiar surroundings, produce a far deeper impression than many later learned tasks. The previous, in a word, stands gravely in the way of the subsequent.

The very foundation of our wretched carelessness and ignorance of our own language lies in that hoary abuse, that time-honored, fatuity, Bab-Talk!

I am, I assure you, that at this moment sowing the seeds of my future political incumbrance, the Materials of America. But I can not help it. It is not that I love Marion less, but Language more.

How can a child just learning the use of the larynx, pharynx, oesophagus and epipharynx, attain to correctness, in a language he has never heard? How can he learn to speak as a Foote, that member which he has heard mentioned only as a Foote?

What connection can his vague and unphonetic mind discern between his Hand and a Pad?

I know a young fellow, an excellent man, a good, careful and conscientious soul, an exemplary friend, and one who, upon all other subjects is apparently of the soundest mind and judgment, but who cannot approach his infant son without a temporary loss of reason. He has just introduced it to begin by incessantly shouting "Kypes! Kypes!" and continues it for ten minutes?

What would you think, were your servant to announce the evening meal to yourself and family in the obscure formula of "Wantes tupe?"

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