The Cute Child
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The cuter the parents the cuter the child. Mamma has taught little June the cutest parlor trick. It's a sort of game with the aunts. June says "Boo!" and then a grown-up gives a big jump and pretends to be scared to death. Then over again. And over and over. It's a great game, only kind of wearing on the grown-ups after the fifteenth "boo."

The wise cracker. Take the word of a fond parent that Fredericks is hot stuff. "B-B-I-a-H-Y-P." spells Ricky's mother to the caller across Fredericks: "Never misses a trick. Really, I shouldn't tell this before her, but it was too cute! She was playing store with another little girl, and they were making believe they couldn't pay so much. "Well," said Ricky, "you know you can always sell a bond. Wasn't that too cute of her? Imagine!"

The hard boiled article. Uncle Howard has just asked Elsa, a so-called modern child, what she wants Santa Claus to bring her. Elsa, the darling kidde, with just the faintest suspicion of a yawn, replied sweetly: "How much do you want to spend?"

The affectionate child is nicknamed Chrisie, and mamma, grandmamma and Aunt Edie are bringing Chrisie up as a sort of feminine Ernie. "Chrisie, dear, run out and give Cousin Marshall a nice kiss and a big cuddly bear hug!" say mamma, grandmamma and Aunt Edie in chorus, and, after just the widest hesitancy, Chrisie will swallow hard Cousin Marshall and bestow many moist kisses till called off by mamma. "Isn't she ever!" Aunt Edie will exclaim. "Did you ever see such a little miss?"

The frank child. Babe just comes out with everything. The most dreadful family skeletons trickle forth with that lovable, child-like naiveté so dangerous in a large family. "Uncle Matt," says Babe, "how did you tell Auntie May that mamma had piano legs? They don't look a bit like the legs on our piano. Mamma says she doesn't know what you mean either!"

"Oh, Edna, why are the little colored babies so much cuter than the white ones?"

The building genius. Will you just look at what Wertz has done! "Really, it's much better than ten of the things you see in the magazines!"

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