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CRITIC.—*I never read a more improbable story
in my life.*

AUTHOR.—*Notwithstanding, it may be true.*

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PART I.

WHAT GINX DID WITH HIM.

I.—*Ab initio.*

THE name of the father of Ginx's Baby was Ginx. By a not unexceptional coincidence, its mother was Mrs. Ginx. The gender of Ginx's Baby was masculine.

On the day when our hero was born, Mr. and Mrs. Ginx were living at Number Five, Rosemary Street, in the city of Westminster. The being then and there brought into the world was not the only human entity to which the title of "Ginx's Baby" was or had been appropriate. Ginx had been married to Betsy Hicks at St. John's, Westminster, on the twenty-fifth day of October,

18—, as appears from the “marriage lines retained by Betsy Ginx, and carefully collated by me with the original register. On her was their thirteenth child. Patient inquiry has enabled me to verify the following history of their propagations. On July the twenty-fifth, the year after their marriage Mrs. Ginx was safely delivered of a girl. An announcement of this appeared in the newspapers. On the tenth of April following, the whole neighbourhood, including Great Smith Street, Marsham Street, Great and Little Peter Streets, Regent Street, Horseferry Road and Strutton Ground, was convulsed by the report that a woman named Ginx had given birth to “a triplet,” consisting of two girls and a boy. The news penetrated to Dean Yard and the ancient school of Westminster. The Dean, who accepted nothing on trust

sent to verify the report, his messenger bearing a bundle of baby-clothes from the Dean's wife, who thought that the mother could scarcely have provided for so large an addition to her family. The schoolboys, on their way to the play-ground at Vincent Square, slyly diverged to have a look at the curiosity, paying sixpence a head to Mrs. Ginx's friend and crony, Mrs. Spittal, who pocketed the money, and said nothing about it to the sick woman. This birth was announced in all the newspapers throughout the kingdom, with the further news that Her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to forward to Mrs. Ginx the sum of three pounds.

What could have possessed the woman I can't say, but about a twelvemonth after, Mrs. Ginx, with the assistance of two doctors hastily fetched from the hospital by her