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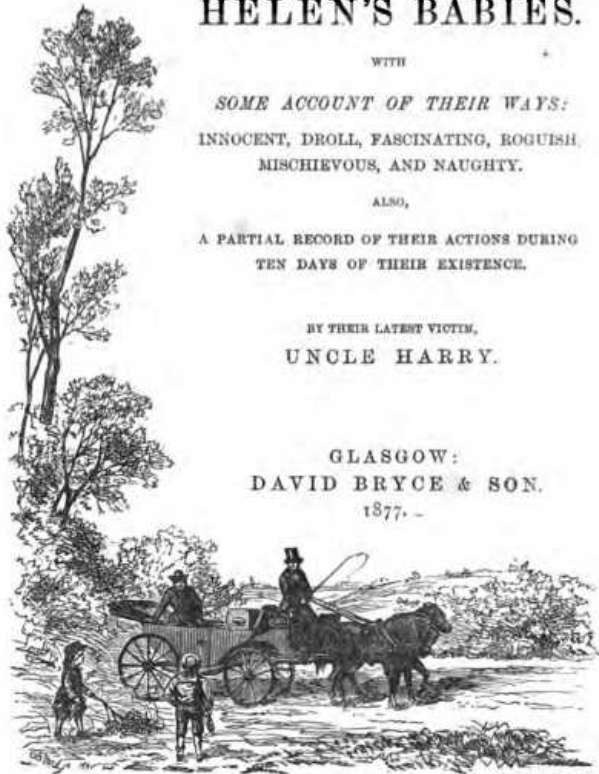
A PARTIAL RECORD OF THEIR ACTIONS DURING
TEN DAYS OF THEIR EXISTENCE.

BY THEIR LATEST VICTIM,

UNCLE HARRY.

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Dedication

Every one knows that there are, throughout the world, hundreds of thousands of fathers and mothers, each one of whom possesses the best children that ever lived. I am, therefore, moved by a sense of the never-ending fitness of things to dedicate this little volume to

The Parents of the best Children in the World,

with the reminder that it is considered the proper thing for each person, to whom a book is dedicated, to purchase and read a copy.

HELEN'S BABIES.

THE first cause, so far as it can be determined, of the existence of this book may be found in the following letter, written by my only married sister, and received by me, Harry Burton, salesman of white goods, bachelor, aged twenty-eight, and received just as I was trying to decide where I should spend a fortnight's vacation :—

"HILLCREST, June 15, 1875.

"DEAR HARRY.—Remembering that you are always complaining that you have never a chance to read, and knowing that you won't get it this summer, if you spend your vacation among people of your own set, I write to ask you to come up here. I admit that I am not wholly disinterested in inviting you. The truth is, Tom and I are invited to spend a fortnight with my old school-mate, Alice Wayne, who, you know, is the dearest girl in the world, though you *didn't* obey me and marry her before Frank Wayne appeared. Well, we're dying to go, for Alice and Frank live in splendid style; but, as they havn't included our children in their invitation, and have no