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NEW DEAL FOR JUNIOR

The machine age finally gets around to junior. At the Mothercraft exhibition in London, the ideal nursery - as seen by the planners - goes on show. It's run by children for children, and all the grown-ups have to do is find an up-to-date version for the "~~we-found-you-under-the-gooseberry-bush~~" story. For, according to those child psychologists who want mothers and fathers to become robot-parents, the "stork" story and the gooseberry-bush tale are as out-of-date as the nursery of Victorian days. And just to remind us what it used to be like, the exhibition goes back 50 years, when "Nanny" Edith Jones was a nursemaid in her twenties.

Stealing the mothers' show is fathers' corner. Prize exhibit comes from Mr. Anthony Dolan. His is the collapsible cot - a "nursery must" with a four-fold purpose. It can be used as a clothes horse -

Or as a tea trolley - a fireguard - or just as a cot. It's a sure-fire winner that Mr. Dolan plans to put in the shops soon.

On the medical side, there is the Resuscitator - an oxygen tent for prematurely-born babies. If the doctors don't need them - there is many a father who could find a use for them.