### THE LITLE OLD SHOE.

It is only a tiny shoe
That she touched with tender care,
A cunning little bit of a thing
That a baby used to wear.
And she gently raises it to her lips
And lovingly holds it there.

It is worn and faded and old,
But it brings up the happy past.
She sadly sighs as she thinks of the joys
That were too sweet to last.

In fancy she sees a little child
As it gambols upon the floor.
An elflike creature with golden hair
Is cooing a baby song once more.
And a tear drops down on the tiny shoe
That the beautiful dream child wore.

"Ah, well," she sighs to herself,
"'Tis, alas, the will of the fates!
I used to be able to wear this shoe,
But now I take number eights."
—Pearson's Weekly.

### SITTING DOWN.

It would seem at a glance that there is nothing profitable to be said about sitting down. The humorist by trade could manufacture some jests out of attitudes and movements, no doubt; his ingenuity works up less promising materials. But what is there for serious debate? Sitting down "comes natural"—like eating. Persons not hasty to grant that a thing must be fashioned by Providence for the use to which we put it may willingly allow that the thigh bones are padded in order that we may sit upon them without discomfort. Until lately, indeed, another purpose was assigned to those cushins. Our forefathers proved the manifest destiny of children to be whipped by the same anatomical arrangement; the logicians might call this a second cause. Anyhow, it has passed out of use. But if the operation be natural, all human creatures must sit down—and there is an end of the theory, for they do not. Reviewing, in fact, the population of the globe, it seems kely that the men and women who sit are less than ten per cent. To begin with, the millions of China and India must be excluded. Only the hundreds there turn the cushions to their destined use, so that more than one-half of mankind is excepted at a stroke! But that is not nearly all. Japan follows, with the lands and isles of the far East, Asia in general, the most part of Africa, the Indian territories of America, from the Arctic Circle to Cape Horn. When we look closely, it appears that only Europeans, their descendents, and those whom they have instructed, sit.

The custom is not universal, even in Europe. At the time of the war neither chair nor stool, rarely a divan, could be found in a Bulgar house, outside the towns; the table was only a foot high, and the family squatted round it on the floor. The Bulgars are not people to adopt a new fashion readily. Throughout the Balkan principalities, indeed, seats are an unnecessary article of furniture for the bulk of the population; even the divan is rare in a farmhouse of Albania and Montenegro. It is assumed that Turkish influence or example banished chairs and stools. That is improbable in any case; but when we observe that outside of Europe nearly all mankind squats, it becomes far more likely that these people follow the practice of their remotest ancestors. The Turk has simply arrested development at this as at other points.

Men who do not sit have two attitudes for resting; women use one of their own. Squatting "on the heels" is favored in India and China. In this position the weight of the body falls upon the toes, and to keep the balance comfortably the arms must lie over the knees, the hands dangling. A European trussed in this manner promptly feels a pain in his calves, but he can understand that habit makes it a restful posture. In fact, our colliers use it. There is a legend current in North Staffordshire referring to the embodiment of militia or volunteers—for authorities differ—early in the century. After divers eccentric maneuvers, the officer cried, "Stand at ease!" When his order had been explained, every man squatted on his heels like an Indian coolie. There is, however, a mode of resting practiced by some jungle tribes which is utterly incomprehensible. Being fatigued, these people stand on one leg and curl the foot of the other round the calf. The same extraordinary custom is seen in Africa. We ask, in bewilderment, why on earth they do not lie, or at least squat. It may be hazarded as a mere conjecture, without any pretense of justification, that they or their forefathers dwelt in swamps especially malarious. But the custom shows what unnatural usages men will devise before it occurs to them to sit down "like Christians."—New Review.

### THE AIR OF BEDROOMS.

From the Hospital.

When there is too much water in the atmosphere, the person who breathes it is to a certain limited extent deprived of his due supply of oxygen, and an elementary beginning of suffocation is preceived in his chest, says the Hospital. Most middle-aged and all old persons have felt this; and all persons also who have weak hearts or impaired lungs. Now the air of bedrooms is exceedingly liable to be overcharged with watery vapor. The most obvious reasons for this are that many bedrooms are never warmed with fires, and that their windows are often left open all day until dusk, and sometimes even to the very hour of going to bed. Let us think of some of the consequences of going to bed in very damp air. A delicate or an aged person leaves a warm drawing room, say, at half past eleven, a drawing room in which there was a temperature of 68 degrees; he enters a cold, damp bedroom, say at a temperature of 38 degrees. The air in the drawing room was dry, perhaps a little too dry. The air in the bedroom is saturated with cold, watery vapor. The person we are thinking of, so soon as he enters the bedroom, chokes and gasps and coughs for half an hour at least, and sometimes brings on such an attack of asthma, or as he calls it "stuffiness" of the chest, that he can hardly breathe at all. He may even lose his night's sleep, and be ill for some days after such an exposure. Now common sense says, "Make an effort to bring the atmosphere of the bedroom nearer in point both of dryness and warmth to the atmosphere of the drawing room; and then not only will a man feel as comfortable in the bedroom as in the drawing room, but even more comfortable. He will neither gasp, nor choke nor cough, but will go to sleep with ease and comfor." Common sense teaches some people all this. But to those who have no special regard for common sence, Science tells the same tale, and she speaks with a voice whose authority not even the most learned will question.


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| Pikesville | | 8.45 | 10.49 | 4.39 | 5.45 | 10.4 | 9 |
| Owings Mills | | 8.57 | 11.02 | 4.52 | 6.58 | 10.15 | 8.24 |
| Glyndon | 5.11 | 9.10 | 11.14 | 5.07 | 7.09 | 10.28 | 8.34 |
| Emory Grove | | 9.11 | 11.17 | | 7.0 | 10.29 | 8.35 |
| Finksburg | | 9.20 | 11.25 | 5.16 | 7.24 | 10.41 | 8.47 |
| Carrollton | | 9.27 | 11.38 | 5.28 | 7.29 | 10.55 | 4.0 |
| Westminster | 5.40 | 9.33 | 11.53 | 5.42 | 7.56 | 11.19 | 4.16 |
| Avondale | | 9.50 | 12.00 | 5.49 | 8.06 | 11.30 | 4.9 |
| New Windsor | 5.53 | 10.10 | 12.10 | 6.01 | 8.18 | 11.39 | 4.2 |
| Linwood | | 10.15 | 12.16 | 6.06 | 8.25 | 11.46 | 4.48 |
| Union Bridge | 6.00 | 10.20 | 12.20 | 6.12 | 8.30 | 11.45 | 4.50 |
| Middleburg | | 10.27 | P M. | 6.18 | P M | A M. | P M. |
| Bruceville | 6.07 | 10.29 | | 6.20 | | | |
| D. P. Creek | | 10.33 | | 6.26 | | | |
| Rocky Ridge | | 10.40 | | 6.34 | | | |
| Thurmont | 6.25 | 10.53 | | 6.46 | | | |
| Edgemont | 7.05 | 11.45 | | 7.34 | | | |
| Waynesboro | 17.20 | 12.02 | | 7.51 | | | |
| Chambersburg | 18.1 | 12.36 | | 8.37 | | | |
| Shippensburg | † | | | | | | |
| Hagerstown | 7.30 | 12.15 | | 8.00 | | | |
| Williamsport | A.M. | P.M. | | P.M. | | | |

TRAINS EAST.

| LEAVE | 22. P M. | 4. A.M. † | 8. A.M. † | 12. P.M. † | 18. P.M. † | 52 A.M. ‡ | 54 P.M. ‡ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Williamsport | | | | | | | |
| Hagerstown | 4.15 | | 7.02 | | 2.17 | | |
| Shippensburg | | | 6.50 | | 1.25 | | |
| Chambersburg | | | 6.31 | | 1.10 | | |
| Waynesboro | | | 7.05 | | 2.19 | | |
| Edgemont | 4.40 | | 7.56 | | 2.41 | | |
| Thurmont | 5.16 | | 8.19 | | 3.21 | | |
| Rocky Ridge | | | 8.26 | | 3.31 | | |
| D. P. Creek | | | 8.33 | | 3.38 | | |
| Bruceville | 5.38 | | 8.37 | | 3.44 | 6.47 | |
| Middleburg | | | 8.39 | | 3.46 | 6.47 | |
| Union Bridge | 5.45 | 6.05 | 8.45 | 12.50 | 3.55 | 6.55 | 4.05 |
| Linwood | | 6.11 | 8.49 | 12.54 | 4.00 | 7.00 | 4.09 |
| New Windsor | 5.52 | 6.20 | 8.54 | 12.59 | 4.06 | 7.05 | 4.15 |
| Avondale | | 6.35 | | 1.9 | 4.17 | 7.29 | 4.6 |
| Westminster | 6.06 | 6.47 | 9.11 | 1.16 | 4.34 | 7.37 | 4.24 |
| Carrollton | | 7.05 | 9.25 | 1.30 | 4.39 | 7.50 | 4.29 |
| Finksburg | | 7.0 | 9.35 | 1.41 | 4.51 | 8.04 | 5.13 |
| Emory Grove | | 7.32 | | 1.58 | 5.00 | 8.15 | 5 |
| Glyndon | 6.25 | 7.40 | 9.43 | 1.51 | 5.11 | 8.2 | 5.6 |
| Owings Mills | 6.44 | 7.59 | 9.59 | 2.11 | 5.27 | 8.19 | 5.9 |
| Pikesville | | 8.09 | 10.09 | 2.11 | 5.28 | 8.3 | 5.0 |
| Mt. Hope | | 8.11 | 10.06 | 2.8 | 5.23 | 8.12 | 5.8 |
| Arlington | | 8.14 | 10.17 | 2.21 | 5.36 | 8.25 | 1 |
| Baltimore | 7.17 | 8.40 | 10.27 | 2.49 | 5.59 | 8.45 | 5 |
| Washington | | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia | | | | | | | |
| New York | P M | A M | A M | P M. | P M | P M | P M |

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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