

set apart for the purpose, as it was suspended from the beams of our kitchen ceiling, and there were times when its use would have been inconvenient. All were pleased with it, and mothers made use of it to quiet their infants, when other efforts seemed unavailing to reduce them to that condition which they are pleased to believe, and invariably describe to their intimates, as their normal one — Who ever knew an infant which was not to a mother, "just the best natured baby in the world !"

Then we left them, glad at the opportunity of returning to our friends and more familiar occupations, but with a mutual regret at the severing of an association, which had made an otherwise dreary residence, one of some interest ; leaving behind us, let me hope, a no less pleasant memory than we brought away.