

DED FOR WANT OF BRETH.

THE ORIGIN of the following poem is not known. It is not new but very suggestive.

* * * * * "O Sexton!
 You shet 500 men, women and children
 Speshilly the latter, up in a tite place,
 Sum has bad breths, none of em aint too sweet,
 Sum is fevery, sum is scroflus, sum has bad teeth,
 And sum haint none, and sum aint over clean;
 But evry one of em breathes in and out and out
 and in
 Say 50 times a minnet, or 1 million and a half
 breths an hour;
 Now how long will a church full of are last at
 that rate?
 I ask you; say fifteen minnits, and then what's
 to be did?
 * * * * * I put it to your kon-
 shens,
 Are is the same to us as milk to babies,
 Or water is to fish, or pendlums to clox,
 Or roots and airbs unto an Injun doctor,
 Or little pills unto an omepath,
 Or Boize to gurls. Are is for us to brethe.
 What signifies who preaches ef I cant brethe?
 Whats Pol? What Pollus to sinngers who are ded?
 Ded for want of breth?"

"THE GENU-PECTORAL POSITION."—
 "Bare-faced" writes a funny letter to the
Medica! Times and Gazette, (London, Eng.)
 on this remedy, the "all-fours" posture,
 for certain derangements of women, which
 is becoming "fashionable" with the
 "mechanical school of gynæcologists" of
 "our relatives in America." "Indeed,"
 he writes, "the frequency with which these
 disorders are met with in the highest
 evolved members of the race, according to
 the best accounts, threatens its extinction
 by insuring general sterility, and in this
 way to verify the old adage, 'Vaulting
 ambition, etc.' The re-discovery, however,
 of the knee-elbow position, which can
 only be the recurrence of an ancestral
 idea, if carried into practice generally and
 without delay, may save the race from
 such an extinction. Avoidance of the erect
 posture, and an immediate and universal
 return to a more primitive mode of progres-
 sion—all-fours—might, and I believe would,
 not only preserve the race, but also insure
 a healthy state of the generative organs."

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