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Baby Enemy Cots

Many baby friendly hospitals, ideal in many respects abound with "Baby Enemy Cots". These are the less than four and a half feet long cots that ensure that mother cannot sleep next to the child (*Fig.*). The baby who comes with a physical illness suffers from a psychological trauma of being deprived of the cozy comfort of sleeping close to the mother. A visit at late hours to these hospitals shows many vacant cots with the mother and the sick baby sleeping on the floor, or a restless baby on the cot and a half asleep tired mother sitting next to the baby.

Hospitals spending huge sums to buy expensive instruments and services to serve the baby must have cots which accommodate the baby and the mother. What the sick



Fig. A baby enemy cot.

restless baby needs most is her comforting mother.

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