

“ grass, but play about the mother almost as
 “ soon as born. The nurse’s soothing lullaby is
 “ not wanted by them, nor the excitement of the
 “ rattle or of any other toy : nor do they require
 “ a change of dress accommodated to the chang-
 “ ing temperature of the surrounding atmo-
 “ sphere; nor arms for their defence, nor walled
 “ cities for their protection; kind nature sup-
 “ plying to them in bountiful profusion what-
 “ ever is necessary to satisfy their wants^a.” As
 if it might not have been reasonably and safely
 concluded, that that same power, (call it “nature,”
 or by any other name,) which provided so amply
 for the early wants of the lower species of ani-
 mals, had some good and special reason for
 leaving the human infant in a temporary state
 of helpless weakness.

^a Tum porro Puer, ut sævis projectus ab undis
 Navita, nudus humi jacet, infans, indigus omni
 Vitali auxilio, cum primum in luminis oras
 Nixibus ex alvo matris natura profudit;
 Vagituque locum lugubri complet, ut æquum 'st,
 Cui tantum in vita restet transire malorum.
 At variæ crescunt Pecudes, Armenta, Feræque;
 Nec crepitacula eis opu' sunt, nec cuiquam adhibenda 'st
 Almæ nutricis blanda atque infracta loquela:
 Nec varias quærunt Vesteis pro tempore Cœli.
 Denique non Armis opus est, non Mœnibus altis,
 Queis sua tutentur, quando omnibus omnia large
 Tellus ipsa parit, naturaque dædala rerum.

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