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Just a Little Thing

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The E.R. having been quite overrun
by coughing kids (three viruses ran wild
that year), a new rule was announced: *each child
must be accompanied by only one
adult*. I gripped my baby to my knee
for nine straight hours while test after test
was done, and all that time, I tried my best
to quash a most insistent urge to pee.
At last, a doctor, stout, with frizzed blond hair,
approached me to discuss the tests; I kvetched
about the agonizing nine-hour stretch.
She gruffed, "There is a restroom over there;
I'll watch your daughter for you 'til you're back."
From time to time, I think of her kind act.