The Crippled Child
A child was born with its legs so wasted that it would never be able to walk. When they learned this, the child's parents were especially happy that the child was crippled rather than normal and healthy. Why?
Clues

The parents did not believe that the child would eventually be cured.

The parents were not sadistic or malevolent in some way.

The child's handicap was of some use to them.

The usefulness does not involve medical research or religion.
Solution

This is a true story from India. The child was born into a family of beggars in Calcutta. The parents knew that a crippled child would earn more as a beggar than a healthy child would.