

Where would you sleep?

You would have to sleep on the *Mayflower* until your house in Plymouth was finished.

Some people lived on the *Mayflower* until the end of March, almost four months after the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth.

When your house was finished, you would sleep on the floor until you had time to make a mattress.

You would sleep on the mattress until you had time to make a bed. Beds for grown-ups were made first. Grown-ups put their mattresses on top of rope springs.

You were lucky if you were one of the few Pilgrims who had a featherbed. Featherbeds were linen bags filled with soft goose feathers. In the summertime, you could sleep on top of it. It made a soft mattress. In the wintertime you could sleep under it. It made a warm blanket.

Small children slept in a bed called a trundle bed. The trundle bed was kept under the grown-ups' big bed during the day. At night it was pulled out.

Babies slept in cradles.

Children seven years old or older slept upstairs in the loft.

