

the women having quiet and secluded entrances. Here they soak and par-boil themselves and gossip to their heart's content.

The instinct of the female mind for personal adornment is strongly developed in the women of the Orient. Among the Moslems they are forbidden to exhibit their toilets in public. Women spend much of

these Isaiah refers in the passage, iii. 18-23, "In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon. The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, the bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, the rings and nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, the glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils."

The fashionable women in the time of Solomon had their apes and pet peacocks, as fashionable ladies now have their pugs and poodles and cockatoos. Tertullian in the third century reproaches the women of Alexandria for wasting as much wealth on a pet monkey as much as would feed a starving child. He denounces also the practice of employing rouge and cosmetics. "Who can weep for her sons," he says, "when her tears wash bare furrows on her cheek; and how shall that face be lifted to its maker which He cannot recognize as His own



ENTRANCE TO A BATH FOR WOMEN, CAIRO.

workmanship?" their time, in private, in tricking out their persons with jewels and filigree. Not satisfied with rings in their ears and noses and on their necks, they bedeck their persons with costly jewels, and wear a profusion of armlets, wristlets and anklets. We have in our possession examples of the latter decked with little tingling bells, whereby the human belle "shall have music wherever she goes." To

The practice of polygamy, or even of bigamy, is by no means conducive to domestic harmony. Mrs. Bishop records the existence of the most bitter jealousy, rancour and strife, even culminating in ruthless cruelty, poisoning and murder by violence, among inmates of the harem, in order to get rid of some hated rival, or to advance the fortunes of some