

shows a jointed doll of ivory, with arms and legs that can be moved by pulling a string or wire like our common jumping-jacks. In the rock-hewn tombs of Egypt similar toys have been found, also miniature horses, dogs and chickens — sometimes with a slit for receiving money — whistles and terra-cotta flageolets. Similar articles have also been found in the catacombs of Rome.



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Mother-love now, as in the days of Hannah, has been employed in the clothing of their children, every fibre of whose garments was

enwoven with the heart's richest affection.

We saw no more beautiful children than those the mothers of Nazareth, on Easter Sunday, decked out in many-coloured garbs, gay with all the colours of a humming-bird.

In addition to the pleasant pastoral work of feeding, folding and watering the flock, often done by women in the East, they not unfrequently take their full share in the tilling of the soil. I have seen them doing the hard work of ploughing, digging, and gathering the fruits of the earth. The sweet idyl of Ruth glean- ing among the corn is over and over again repeated in the field of Boaz at Bethlehem,

memorable forever with its Old and New Testament associations. The garnering and winnowing of the grain, as well as its subsequent preparation for food is still part of the never-ending work of women in the East. Woman's rights in the Orient seems to imply more than her full share of the arduous toil, which among most western peoples is borne by the more sturdy frames and robust thews of the sterner sex.

Among the poorer classes facilities for cleanliness are very limited. Water is scarce, and baths in the houses are almost unknown. At more or less frequent intervals, however, the women and children resort to the public baths, which are in the cities numerous and cheap, those for



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