

while bowls, spoons and other wooden utensils are manufactured.

Mats of many kinds and qualities find their way to the coast, while much of the Morocco and Kordovan leather, red, brown and other colors, is manufactured in these districts. Sword sheaths, knife sheaths, whips, bags, phylacteries and many other things are made out of leather, much of it embossed very nicely.

The people live in towns or villages, going out each morning to the farm and returning about five in the evening.

The houses are built of mud and thatched with grass. No attempt is made at making them airtight as it is coolness and not protection from cold that is wanted. With very few exceptions the houses are kept in good condition and the towns kept clean in the good old Jerusalem way; each woman sees to her own yard.

Family life is of course not as we know it. Polygamy is the rule. A man's importance is measured very often by the number of his wives. On the whole the wives are treated kindly, and if the proud mother of sons, she is held in high honor and will never know hunger as it is a lasting disgrace to a man if he allows such a thing to happen. We do not mean to say that daughters are not welcome, for they are, and receive almost as warm a welcome as a boy, but sometimes a woman has to leave her own village when married and her husband may not care to feed her mother.

There is the brotherhood of the race, then the brotherhood of the sons of the one father, but the full brother, son of the same mother, is one to die for if necessary.

While the women usually care for the children, it is quite common to see the father carrying a small child, or caring for them on the verandah.

One pleasing feature of social life is the honor accorded to parents and the respect paid to age, position and authority. Hospitality is another pleasing trait of their character. Strangers arriving at a village receive a warm welcome, food and shelter for the night from anyone at whose house they may happen to stop. There are no schools except Mohammedan or Christian schools, but to say the people are uneducated is to mistake the facts. They are educated along the line of knowing affairs, taking intelligent