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Great ladies do not generally walk, but ride upon asses. In the streets a whole train of ladies may often be met, sitting upon very high saddles. In this way they go to visit their friends, for they are not allowed to go shopping. (Women from the shop come to them with things to sell.)

A lady often lets her little child ride before her on the ass, but sometimes she bids a slave carry it. The child sits on the *shoulder* of the slave. It is curious that in Asia—children should be borne on the side, in America on the back, in Europe in the arms, while in Africa, as you see, they are borne on the shoulder. I do not mean to say that in *all* parts of Africa they are carried thus—but in *one* part they are.

In most countries mothers take delight in dressing their children fine—indeed too fine—thus making the little creatures vain and trifling; but in Egypt, mothers, shining in