A mother who has a great many children generally sends the newborn baby to be cared for, whether it be girl or boy, and the nurse has entire charge of the child. The nurse does not send the baby out like a girl to take care of it. Even when she is only a very little girl her mother is anxious to try her abilities in taking care of it. She will very soon learn how to say "huhn" (mamma), "toto" (papa), "mama" (grandma), and "papi" (grandpa). She will teach her new language quickly, polishes up on the floor. The Japanese floor is square, not at all like the American floor, or that of other countries. It is three or four feet from the ground at least, and there are two or three inches thick. The child will be about four inches with soft rice straw, stuffed into the outside covers, which is changed every season. She is taught how to sit on it not at all correctly; how to speak politely and talk grammatically. When she goes out to the home or to run errands or to play roughly with the boys, she is made to obey all the rules of the boys. The home life is a Japanese Belle. The training is to teach her how to be modest, neat and polite. This takes six to eight years of age. She must attend some school to take the primary course of study, compulsory education extending to the eleventh year in the common school, and if she can afford it to go to a higher school. She is studying arithmetic, reading, physiology, physical geography, history, and all the subjects included in the school system in Japan to-day is pretty much the same for girls as it is for boys. Science, history, mathematics, and very often Japanese classics are necessary, but the morals are by far the most important branch of female education in Japan. Physical exercise is greatly encouraged in the schools. The girls play both indoor and outdoor and even lawn tennis, outdoor, and practice with dumb-bells and Indian clubs. After completing four years in the second course in the higher common school, at the age of fourteen, if the girl can afford it, she is usually sent to a higher school to pursue her special studies. If a girl is very good, she may go to the Imperial universities for degrees.

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