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MOTHERS OF THE WORLD THE JAPANESE ★

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CHILDREN of old Nippon as young as 12 years of age are themselves Little Mothers of Japan, and play nursemaid to their own babies and other small members of the family group. Early morning finds these quaint and picturesque Little Mothers bathing and dressing their small charges, a duty which is much simplified by the native tabi, short woolen socks and carved wooden clogs. Soon they are at work assisting in the silk spinning, a universal family industry, busy as colorful bees among the dwarf mulberry trees or amid the whirl of the indoor spinning. The rosy-

checked babes might well be heavenly cherubs wrapped in several lovely silken kimonos. The youngsters are pleasant little burdens of which the bearer is almost unaware. Little girl children are brought up to be strong Little Mothers by a breakfast diet rich in vitamins, a morning menu including a relish concocted from pickled plums, and a soup made from the bean kurd, then several helpings of rice. No wonder these delightfully costumed Nipponese Mothers and children are healthy and happy!