

Educating Daughters (1750)

Abstract

While child-rearing and education for boys made great strides under the influence of the Enlightenment in the eighteenth century, girls continued to be denied a true education. The education of daughters from bourgeois or noble families usually sought to make them desirable candidates for marriage and good housewives. This engraving shows the young daughters of the propertied classes being trained in domestic skills such as spinning, sewing, and embroidery.

Source



Source: Copperplate engraving by an unknown artist published in the 1750 edition of Franz Philipp Florinus, *Oeconomus prudens et legalis. Oder Der kluge und rechtsverständige Haus-Vater*[*Oeconomus prudens et legalis. Or the Generally Prudent and Judicious Housemaster*].

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