Domestic Manners.

The head of the family and his principal wife occupy the first place near the fire, and it is an impoliteness to pass before them. They are also first served at meals. Where a man has several wives, each has her own fire in the lodge and takes care of her own children. The one with whom the husband sleeps for the time being, though in the same house with the others, provides the articles of food which it belongs to the women to furnish, and cooks them herself. The man's business is to do the hunting (of which however, West of the Cascades, there is but little game, not being abundant enough to form an item in the general economy) to catch fish, make canoes, split the planks of the lodges and put them up or remove them, tame the horses, and in fine to attend to such things as are deemed manly occupations among savage nations. That of the woman is to gather roots and prepare them for Winter, and cure the fish: on the salt water to dig and dry clams, load and assist in paddling the canoes and on the prairie to pack and unpack the horses, make the camp, cultivate the potato patch and generally everywhere to do the drudgery.

There does not seem to be any particular government of children, nor any difficulty growing out of their origin in different mothers. Children continue to suckle, often till three or four years of age