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Title: *"The manufacture related activities of women who inhabited al-Qasr at the turn of the 20th century – the case of handmade cooking pots and basketry manufacture"*.

ABSTRACT: The paper aims to give a glance into the manufacture related activities of women who inhabited al-Qasr in the transition period from the 19th to the 20th century, based on the pottery and basketry finds from Bayt al-Qurashi (the house of the Qurashi family). It is known that in this period at al-Qasr most of the basic goods were manufactured on the spot, in the local workshops, and mostly by male artisans. However, in this traditional, patriarchal society, women were also involved in the manufacture of objects, which were important for the daily life in the Oasis. Women were responsible for handmade cooking pots and basketry manufacture. Due to the social seclusion of women, they handcrafted the goods indoors, in a sort of domestic workshops. This paper will give a brief description of two key aspects: 1. the objects manufactured by women indoors, and 2. the probable characteristic of their manufacture, based also on ethnographic sources.