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# THE ROLE OF THE WOMEN : ANGEL OF PIONEER?

## THE ANGEL

In 1854 the English poet Coventry Patmore published the Angel in the House , that became the ideal of wife. In the Victorian age each partner had his role : the wife educated the children , managing the household and providing emotional support for her husband who instead his the head of the family and the only one to work. The ideal model was the Royal family and the queen who combined authority whit humility in the presence of her husband.

## **WOMEN AND SPORT**

Queen Victoria introduced for woman the trend to go at the seaside in the 1850s and practice physical exercise, especially archery and croquet.

## **WOMEN TRAVELLERS**

Victorians women discovered more independence and experience with travels, like Lady Anne Blunt who travelled the Arabian desert or the emigrants to American and Australia

## **WOMEN TRAVEL WRITERS AND PAINTERS**

Marianne North travel extensively across the world with her father in 1855 and painted the flora of the distant countries she visited. (Botanic Gardens, Kew, London)

## WOMEN AND MEDICINE

In 1854 Florence Nightingale became a national heroine leading a team of nurses to Crimea and reformed the military hospitals. In 1860 was opened the first training school for nurses , recognised the value of professional nurses

Florence also contributed to elevated the place in society of trained and educated woman , supported John Stuart Mills movement for women's suffrage and also the improvement of women 's schools and colleges. Woman took an active part in the two World Wars as nurses.