



- f: father
- m: mother
- fr: female relatives
- d: daughters
- s: sons

Fig. 4.43: Some laws concerning sleeping arrangements

with her own family (Fig. 4.44).



Fig. 4.44: The bridal chest (sandouk el 'aruse)

In the rare cases where the newly married son was not able to build his own house (which was normally next to his father's), the rawieh of the house was altered in such a way as to be used as a sleeping area for the bridal couple. This was the case in houses no. 4 and 21 in 1940 and 1946. In other cases, as in house no. 5, parents slept in the rawieh while their son and daughter-in-law slept on the mastabeh (only for one month). In all cases, the placement of the bride's box created a "private" space for the newly married couple.