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## IN IRON HELMET!

### Thrill At The Moot Hall

THE top class, Form VII, of Flitwick County Primary School visited the Moot Hall, Elstow, on Wednesday last week, to see the exhibition, "The Seventeenth Century Child."

The children were delighted to see the toys of 300 years ago: they knew, of course, that children of that time played with marbles, hoops, and skipping ropes, but were not prepared for the 17th Century bird-whistle, similar in construction to those sold to-day.

Great interest was also evoked by the christening clothes worn by Charles II, as the children had learnt in a recent history lesson of the sad fate of his father, in 1649.

The Civil War in 17th Century England may possibly have seemed far off in the classroom, but it was made very real in the Moot Hall, when the children saw the armour worn by Cromwell's Ironsides, and one boy was allowed to try on a helmet worn in one of the battles!

Fascinating, too, were the horn-books used to teach children to read, and examples of children's handicrafts of that period, such as the sampler lent by Lady Richmond, worked by "Elizabeth Spicer, 1668."

The visit to the exhibition proved a most useful supplement to classroom lessons, and made a valuable contribution to the educational development of the 43 children who took part in it.

## Scholars Visit Moot Hall Exhibition



One of the fine paintings on view at the Moot Hall Exhibition, Elstow, being admired by girls of Flitwick School during a recent visit. On the right Mr. A. T. Gaydon, Custodian, shows scholars a helmet that was used in 1640, called the "Ironsides".

