

months of the year, though the total amount of the year is little more than one inch. This is always surprising to those who are accustomed to the averages of London, 24·7; Hyères, 28; Bournemouth, 28·9; Nice, 31·9; Algiers, 32; Torquay, 39·6; Pau, 43; Montreux, 50. At Cannes and Mentone, from November to April alone, the rainfall averages 32 and 17·8 inches respectively. The absence of rain and umbrellas does not necessarily make a country suitable for invalids, but it enables them to count with certainty upon the morrow being a fine day, and removes at least one element of risk and depression. Surface-drains for storm-water are not necessary in Cairo; the streets are watered by carts every day to prevent dust, and the trees often look as if it would be a charity to wash their leaves.

*Dew.*—A small amount of dew is always present in Cairo and the desert on account of the great difference in temperature between that of the day and night. (M. Barbey found ninety-three grammes on a square metre of mackintosh at Ismailia in March, 1880.)

The temperature of the Nile water is a little higher in the early morning than the temperature of the air, and therefore a line of mist can be sometimes seen early in the day during December and January, which accurately marks out the line