

dinner to imitate the performance. He won his wager, and also a week's fright and rest in bed. The descent from the Pyramid is more unpleasant to most people than the being hauled up.

The visit to the interior is quite worth the fatigue to those who are fairly strong, because the traveller then gets an accurate idea of what these gigantic tombs were intended for.

The best way to avoid all altercation with the Bedouins, who are pleasant, amiable, and gentlemanly, with an eye fixed on the main chance, is to let them choose one of their number to take charge of the party, and to receive all the back-sheesh. It will then be to his interest to protect the party from all his brethren; and it may be said generally that if any difficulty arises it is the fault of the traveller.

The road up the Pyramid hill was repaired in 1881 from chips of the casing of the Great Pyramid; and, in addition to many other thefts during several ages, the Sultan Hassam mosque is said to have been built in A.D. 1056, from the stones of the Great Pyramid. It seems to have been less trouble for Cairo architects to take their stone from Memphis and the Pyramids than to have it hewn afresh from the quarries which originally supplied it, and were actually nearer to Cairo.

The Pyramid-builders were masters of the art