

Cairo after the middle of the month, because the summer is then rather suddenly at an end, and winter clothing is issued to the troops. But the proportion of heat to dampness is still great, mosquitoes are rampant, and invalids are not advised to arrive till the last days of the month at the very earliest. Quail are already in Upper Egypt, and snipe, ducks, and geese are arriving. Fresh dates are at their best, grapes, and custard-apples. Bananas have begun, and continue all the winter. Among flowers there are dahlia, zinnia, periwinkle, and tuberose.

*November.*—A beautiful month for invalids to arrive, and before the crush of pleasure-seekers, so that good rooms can be easily secured. The Nile inundation is still out between the town and the Pyramids, and the sunsets are perhaps more beautiful than at any other time of year. Weather no longer too hot for outdoor exercise. Mosquitoes disappearing, though nets are always wanted at night throughout the year, and fair-skinned strangers suffer until they become acclimatized. Oranges and lemons. Chrysanthemums and lovely pointsettia shrubs.

*December.*—At the end of the month we are liable to a little cloud and rain, and invalids who want to avoid all cold damp should go up to Luxor. Temperature like a dry September in England.