

in Egypt, and was one of the healthiest until the boon of fresh water in great quantities after 1876 proved a curse by causing small swamps of water, which percolated through the desert sand from the new canals. The water-tanks in the gardens which used to supply the houses, and occasionally overflow, have been exchanged for a system of pipes and taps. Eucalyptus trees also have been planted, with a decided diminution of malaria.

### SUEZ.

Suez is a town of 11,000 people, rather more English than either Port Said or Ismailia, and is of course the port of entry from India, Australia, and the far East. There is a comfortable hotel, an English doctor, and a railway line to Ismailia and Cairo, and a fresh-water canal supplying it from the Nile. Excursions may be made to the oasis called Moses' Well, to Ataka mountain, to the sea-coast to collect shells, or to Suakin.

Suez is in the same latitude as Cairo, and the Ataka range stretches across the desert to join Mokattam there.

Naturalists tell us that at Suez begins a genuine tropical sea, differing entirely in its inhabitants from the Mediterranean, only one day's journey