

rather rare, and the papyrus is no longer a native of Egypt. Dr. Schweinfurth believes that the Egyptian oases were colonized by Berbers with the cereals of the Mediterranean basin, but that the valley of the Nile was colonized by Indian races who brought their own cereals.

*Amusements.*—Cairo with its bright clear weather, lends itself so easily to an outdoor life that no one will be surprised to hear that the English colony has introduced some British sports. If we cross the Nile by its iron bridge, we at once come to a large park between the river and one of its branches. Here there are about fifty acres of grass belonging to the Ghezireh Sporting Club, and devoted to polo, cricket, football, golf, lawn-tennis, pigeon-shooting, etc. There is a course for riding and for leaping, and every winter there are two race meetings of two days each, three skye meetings, and six or seven Gymkhanas. Visitors may become temporary members of the club on paying £2. A regimental band plays most afternoons, and it is naturally the most favourite resort in Cairo. Our foreign friends sometimes play lawn-tennis, but usually confine themselves to looking on at the English. There are half a dozen lawn-tennis courts in the town, facilities for boxing and fencing, and excellent hacks for riding or driving all over the country.