

week of the month is often hot, but previous to that, during a south wind, the shade temperature at noon is about 80° ; indoors it is 64° ; the barometer falls from 30 to 29.7, and there are 10° difference between the wet and dry bulbs. Tourists tire of Egypt at the first hot wind, and make for Palestine, Constantinople, etc. Snipe, ducks, and geese leave for Europe; excellent quail, spur-winged plover, and dove shooting. Dianthus, pansy, China aster, marguerites, delphinium, fuchsia, gladiolus, lobelia, sweet pea, and wall-flowers. Acacia trees in the boulevards shed their leaves and remain bare for about a month.

April.—The days are warm like the hottest days in an English summer, but are not felt so oppressive because of the dryness of the air. The houses and habits of the country are also specially adapted for the hot weather. Rooms are now occupied which face towards the north and catch the cool wind, and on hot days it is wisest not to go out immediately after luncheon. European houses and hotels are built so that the rooms are sixteen feet high, thus providing for plenty of cubic space when the windows are obliged to be closed to keep out the heat and the flies and mosquitoes, which now begin to be troublesome. The khamseen wind occurs at intervals of about ten days, and great care ought to be taken not to relinquish all winter