

of their manure, and the natives are delighted at times to have some of the surplus birds killed. In January, 1889, two good shots brought down 282 pigeons within three hours at Beliana. Sandgrouse and plover can also be shot in the spring. No gun licence is necessary.

*Sight-seeing.*—There is a great deal to see in and near Cairo, enough to occupy a serious-minded individual for more than one winter, and fair accounts of most of the sights may be found in the guide-books. Besides the bazaars already mentioned, where the products not only of Egypt, but of Syria, Turkey, Persia, Tunis, and Asia Minor may be bargained for, the original walls and gates are well worth visiting. They date from the eleventh and twelfth centuries, and the old parts of the town, which are completely Oriental and highly picturesque, contain houses which have been built at all times during the last six hundred years. Many streets still exist where beautiful mushribyeh windows are numerous, and where minarets and mosques produce a view which is not seen in any other city. No greater change can be experienced in leaving these Coptic and Arab quarters than to find one's self in the European district where broad streets are laid out, and European houses and shops have been built since 1865.