

clothing, though the temperature is often above 90° Fahr. for a few hours at a time. Invalids leave for Ramleh, or for Italy and the south of France. Strawberries and apricots. Oleander, pelargonium, and sunflowers.

*May.*—We are still liable to occasional khamseen winds, and each week the weather is becoming warmer; but Cairo is now very lovely; the trees in the streets have their new foliage, and the gardens are bright with many subtropical flowering trees and shrubs. On May 6 I once saw the exceptional event of a thunder and lightning storm, with hailstones as big as dried peas, and a shade temperature of 85° Fahr. Quail leave Egypt for Europe. Sweet melons and water-melons. Balsam, magnolia, lotus, jessamine, convolvulus, and passion-flowers.

*June, July, August.*—These are the three hottest months of the year, and in August the climate is already becoming a little damp in consequence of the rising Nile. Rich natives spend these months in Alexandria, Syria, or Constantinople. Europeans in Cairo take a siesta after luncheon. Government offices are closed at 1 p.m., but after 4 p.m. every Englishman goes out to ride, drive, golf, or lawn-tennis, and the British soldier plays cricket and football. The nights are always cool, so that it is possible to dine out of doors without