

English doctor, whose services are seldom required ; a huge medicine-chest ; a European manager ; and a dragoman, who arranges the details of the sight-seeing.

The whole trip from Cairo to Assouan and back to Cairo in these steamers takes three weeks ; or it may be arranged that the traveller shall break his journey for a long or short time at Luxor or elsewhere. For those who desire to visit all the temples and to devote a longer time to their study, a special steamer makes the trip in four weeks instead of three, and is provided with perfect accommodation for twenty-five passengers. The length of the smallest of these steamers is 160 ft. ; the breadth, 20 ft. ; the horse-power, 275 ; and the usual speed, eleven miles an hour.

But it has been found that there are many who cannot afford the time or the expense for the three weeks' trip, and therefore some cheap express steamers have been constructed to ply twice a week between Assiout and Assouan, so that tourists can go from Cairo to the First Cataract and back in fourteen days for £25, including a stay of four days at Luxor ; ~~or~~ they may go to Luxor and back for £20 in eleven days, four of which can be devoted to seeing Thebes and Karnak. These cheaper steamers carry thirty first-class passengers, and are very useful for those invalids who wish to