

liable to become the hosts of various entozoa. Sunstroke even in its slightest forms can only be obtained on exceptional days by some great imprudence on the part of the individual.

*Water-supply.*—All Egyptian towns get their drinking-water direct from the Nile, or indirectly from the canals fed by the Nile. The Cairo Water Company, which has a complete monopoly for many years, has lately, under pressure from the Sanitary Department, made some important improvements in the supply. The intake is now from the Nile itself, but used to be from a canal, which during the summer months was liable to become stagnant; it has been proposed to remove the intake some four miles higher up the river, above all source of contamination. The water is pumped to the filter-beds at Abbassiyeh, whence, after filtration, it returns to the town for consumption; all the European quarters are now supplied with filtered water, the daily average being about 26,000 cubic metres. The velocity of the river at high Nile is about five feet a second, or nearly three and a half miles an hour; but at low Nile, the velocity is reduced to at least one-fifth of this.

The filter-beds are on raised ground in the desert, and consist, in the first place, of two huge tanks, into which the water is always flowing; from these it is admitted into eight filter-beds,