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As our readers are aware, the correspondence that for some time was carried on in the columns of the "Egyptian Gazoto" with reference to the many difficulties that the European residents have to encounter in procuring suituable dwelling accommodation, not only served to show how read were the evils complained of, but to assist in setting on foot a practical, and what we sinceptly hope will ultimately and what we sinceptly hope will ultimately made with the sinceptly and what we sinceptly hope will ultimately made with the sinceptly and the sinceptly and what we sinceptly hope will ultimately made with the sinceptly and with the sinceptly and was a served to be also to move, in Cairo, where the same evils press with equal or greater severity upon the large and ever-growing European population, no definite result has a yet been produced as a consequence of the discussion. It seems to us strange that this should be so, for the Capital is certainly not lacking in public-spirited men quite competent to deal effectively with even more difficult problems. So far as this question is concerned the European population of Cairo, as in Alexandria, may be divided into two-classes first, the well-to-do class the members of which in seaking house adapted to their want thus in reducing their expenditure on this head to the lowest possible figure, and secondly, the great bulk of the community, who, whether they will cond, are obliged to consider the question of rent as the most important of all. It is the special needs of this latter class that the letters which have appeared in our columns and in those of other journals have clearly shown to be very read and very pressing. As things are at present a very large proportion of the Boropean population of the Capital, owing to the recent increase in houses and in those of other journals have clearly shown to be very read and very pressing. As things are at present a very large proportion of the Boropean population of the Capital, owing to the recent i

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It is essential, however, to remember that a any attempt to deal with the housing pro-lem in Cairo there are peculiar conditions that ave to be considered. One of the most imporblem in Cairo there are posuliar conditions that have to be considered. One of the most important of these is that the class most urgently in need of improved accommodation is by the nature of the work in which it is engaced, its hours of about, and other consideration, and the consideration, and the consideration of the strength of the consideration of the consid

expenditure, do much to solve the most urgent phase of the housing problem.

The first step to be taken is to improve the condition of the street. This is being done by the laying of asphalt in some quarters, and it this work could be pressed forward a little, and axtended to some of the purely residential sections of the town, it would be the realisation of a greatly needed reform. With this the reform of that time hoursed institution, the Shrikh of Harat, should be taken in hand. At