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[[left margin in red]] Old Cairo [[/left margin]]

[[red underline]] many wives as they want but ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ man
[[/strikethrough]] most cannot afford more than one or two. [[/red underline]]

Feb. 9. I found a plausible [[red underline]] dragoman. [[/red underline]] - or better he found me and I could not shake him off, whose name is [[red underline]] Mahoment - ? [[/red underline]]

Wears turban and purple gown, speaks tolerably good english, some french and German, but can only write and read arabic, who warns me against all those expensive dragoman of Cook's while he is willing to do the whole job for [[red underline]] only 6 shillings a day. [[/red underline]] Shows several good artifacts of Americans. So I decide to try him = We drove to [[red underline]] Bazars. [[/red underline]] Extra-

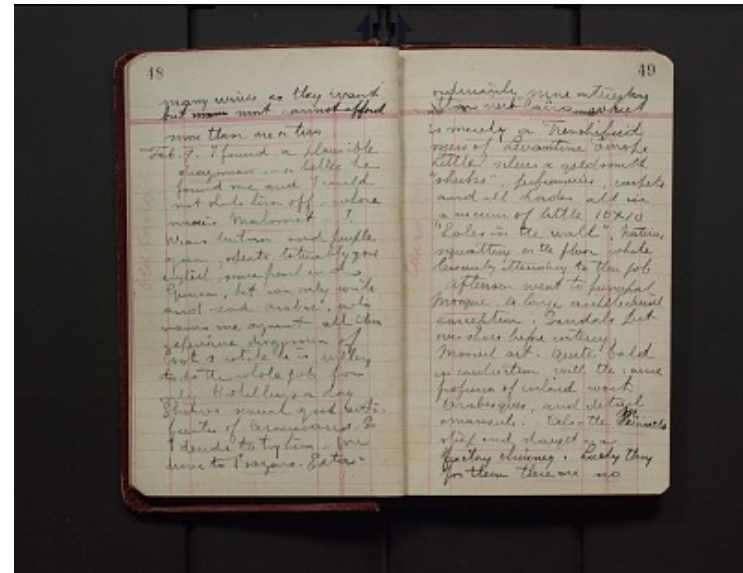
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[[left margin in red]] Cairo [[/left margin]]

[[red underline]] ordinarily more interesting than new Cairo which is merely a Frenchified mess of Levantine Europe. [[/red underline]] Little silver & goldsmith "shieks", perfumeries, carpets and all trades all in a succession of little 10x10 "holes in the wall". Natives squatting on the floor while leisurely attending to their job.

Afternoon went to [[red underline]] principal Mosque. [[/red underline]] A large architectural conception. Sandals put over shoes before entering. Moorish art. Quite bold in construction with the same profusion of inlaid work. Arabesques, and detail ornaments. [[red underline]] Also the Minarets steep and straight as a factory chimney. [[/red underline]] Lucky then for them [[red underline]] there are no [[/red underline]]



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