

with the fingers. The meat is often minced, and rolled up in leaves, so that it can be easily popped into the mouth. A fowl is torn to pieces between two persons. When any one wishes to be very kind to a friend, he takes nice morsels in his fingers and puts them into his friend's mouth. Nothing is drunk at dinner but water, or sherbet, for the Egyptians are a temperate people.

After dinner a cup of coffee and a pipe are again presented. These are followed by a sleep during the heat of the day. When the sun has set, a hot supper is served, and the coffee and pipe a third time enjoyed. The evening is spent either in talking, and playing at chess at home, or in paying visits by the light of a lantern. Such is the useless life of an Egyptian grandee. The mind is never exerted by reading or writing, nor the body by any active employment or exercise. Five times a day the prayer carpet is spread, and prayers are offered up, but these are only muttered, and repeated by rote.

The Egyptian ladies live in upper rooms, with latticed windows. None but ladies or their nearest relations are allowed to visit them. But they are allowed to go out; only they always wear a loose black silk wrapper, and a thick white veil,—so thick that the face cannot be

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