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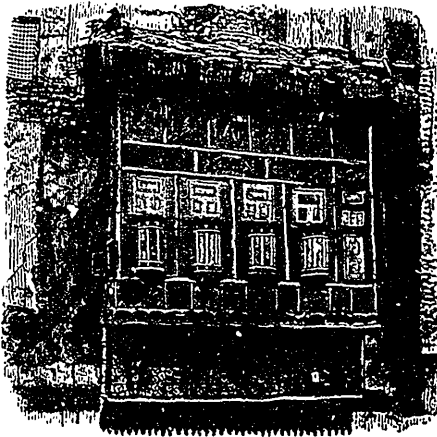
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WHAT EGYPT CAN TEACH US.

BY THE EDITOR.

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MEMPHIS AND SAKKARA.



LATTICE WINDOW, CAIRO.

On a bright, sunny day, early in March last, our Canadian party made the interesting excursion to Memphis and Sakkara. It is an interesting drive of three miles from Cairo to the Upper Egypt railway station, on the left bank of the Nile. One never tires of the picturesque aspect of the streets in the older parts of the city—the overhanging windows with their beautiful lattice

work, the ever-shifting crowd so full of life and colour, with their white and green turbans, blue gowns, crimson fezes, military uniforms and the like.

Among the most striking figures are those of the stately sayses or running footmen—light, agile fellows who can keep ahead of the horse going at full speed for a wonderful distance. Their dress is almost always of snowy linen, which leaves the brown arms and legs bare. They have frequently a magnificently embroidered jacket and scarlet fez. Each carries a wand by day and a torch by night. It is their office to clear the way for the