

absolute impunity to which allusion is often made in the Bible (Psa. lviii. 4, 5; Eccles. x. 11; Jer. viii. 17), and had brought some of them to Geneva to share with my tableaux vivants in an entertainment he was giving for the benefit of an institution for the blind.

These Raifá'ee or Sáadee dervishes were not charlatans of the kind who extract the poisonous teeth of the horned vipers or blunt the stings of the scorpions with which they perform, but professors of the incantation of serpents. A private séance was given on their arrival at Geneva, to which I and a few of M. Clark's friends were invited.

The Egyptians were four in number, and one of them, a thin man, appeared to be eighty years old. When I entered he was squatting on his hams before a gourd-shaped basket made of plaited palm leaves and measuring about two feet in diameter at the base. One of the