

Glossary

Fantasia—Celebration with music, dancing and processions.

Farshoot—The name of a native tribe.

Fatihah—The opening chapter of the Koran, recited at weddings, &c.

Feddan—The most common measure of land—a little less than an acre. Also dried hay.

Fellah, (Plu.) *Fellaheen*—The Egyptian peasant.

Felucca—A small boat, propelled by oars or sails.

Fessikh—Salted fish.

Ghaffirs—Humble village officials.

Ghawázee—The tribe of public dancing-girls. A female of this tribe is called "Ghazeeyeh," and a man "Ghazee," but the plural Ghawázee is generally understood as applying to the female.

Ghimah—The Mahomedan Sunday.

Gippy—Colloquial name for an Egyptian soldier.

Goolah—Porous water-jar of Nile mud.

Hakim—Doctor.

Hanouti—Funeral attendants.

Hari-kari—An Oriental form of suicide.

Hashish—Leaves of hemp.

Inshallah—God willing.

Jibbeh—Long coat or smock, worn by dervishes.

Kavass—An orderly.

Kemengeh—A cocoanut fiddle.

Khamsin—A hot wind of Egypt and the Soudan.

Khedive—The title granted in 1867 by the Sultan of Turkey to the ruler of Egypt.

Khiassa—Small boat.

Khowagah—Gentleman.

Koran—The Scriptures of the Mahomedans.

Kourbash—A stick, a whip.

Lá iláha illa-lláh—There is no deity but God.