I.—To Alexandria.

The better to blind the inquisitive eyes of servants and visitors, my friend, Larking, lodged me in an outhouse, where I could revel in the utmost freedom of life and manners. And although some Armenian Dragoman, a restless spy like all his race, occasionally remarked voici un Persan dûlement dégagé, none, except those who were entrusted with the secret, had any idea of the part I was playing. The domestics, devout Moslems, pronounced me an 'Ajami, a kind of Mohammedan, not a good one like themselves, but, still better than nothing. I lost no time in securing the assistance of a Shaykh, and plunged once more into the intricacies of the Faith; revived my recollections of religious ablutions, read the Koran, and again became an adept in the art of prostration. My leisure hours were employed in visiting the baths and coffee-houses, in attending the bazaars, and in shopping,—an operation which hereabouts consists of sitting upon a Chaplain's counter, smoking, sipping coffee, and telling your beads the while, to show that you are not of the slaves for whom time is made; in fact, in pitting your patience against that of your adversary, the vendor. I found time for a short excursion to a country village on the banks of the canal; nor was an opportunity of seeing “Al-nahl,” the “Bee-dance,” neglected, for it would be some months before my eyes might dwell on such a pleasant spectacle again.

“Delicias videam, Nile jococe, tuas!”

Careful of graver matters, I attended the mosque, and visited the venerable localities in which modern Alexandria abounds.

when the holy city falls into the hands of the infidel. In its turn Alexandria will be followed by Kairawan (in the Regency of Tunis); and this by Rashid or Rosetta, which last shall endure to the end of time.

1 A Persian as opposed to an Arab.

2 A priest, elder, chieftain, language-master, private-tutor, &c., &c.