

HOW AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGISTS ARE DIGGING
UP THE KINGS OF PHARAOH'S TIME.

to visit this valley and first come to Luxor, which is just about on the site of old Thebes, the capital of Egypt in the days of its most brilliant past. The city lay on both banks of the Nile, but Luxor is on the west bank, and I had to cross the river in a ferry boat and ride for an hour or so through the desert before coming into the valley of the kings. However, my donkey boy was a good

In some of the tombs I saw the massive, black, cylindrical neck of a jar or jar fragment of the dead kings lay. I measured one which was 10 feet long, six feet wide and eight feet high. It was hollowed out of a single block of granite and the neck might have been made of the same material. The mighty burial chamber was cut out of the quarries of Assouan, far above here, on the banks of the Nile. It must have been brought down here by a long and hard journey to this place. When it was on the ground it had to be lowered down into the tomb, and then the modern workmen went through the tomb. In some tombs I saw several such caskets, and the archeologist who guided me showed me the holes in the stone walls of the tomb in which the caskets had been put across in order that ropes might be used to prevent these stone masses

upon which they set rise 13 feet above the ground. I rode by them as I came home from the valley of the kings, and climbed up and ran their tape measure over their legs. The legs measure 19 feet from sole to knee. The feet are each 10 feet in length, so long that one would fill the box of a farm wagon. I could hardly be fitted within it. The arms, from finger tips to elbow, each measure 14 feet, and the middle finger of their right hand is a yard and a half in length.

As I stood beside the pedestal, with my feet on Gingerbread's saddle, I could not reach to the top, but I thought I should make a comparative idea of the enormous weight of the structures.

TOTING THE OBELISKS.
Consider the obelisks which the Egyptians made at those quarries and carried down the Nile to Thebes and also to Cairo and Alexandria. There are two obelisks still at this place. You may see them in the great temple at Karnak, which is not more than a 20-minute walk from Luxor. They weigh something like 400 tons each, and it would take 1,600 horses to haul them.

and thus moved to London. After landing, the modern engineers had great trouble to get the snails where they wanted them. That of New York was rolled along upon iron balls which ran in iron grooves, laid down for the purpose, and that of London was slid over greased ways to the place where it now stands on the banks of the Thames.

The oldest temple of Egypt by 1,600 years is now being unearthed here

HOW PHARAOH LOOKED.
It brings one close to the days of the Scriptures when one can put his hands on the very same things that were touched by old Pharaoh, when one can visit the temples in which he worshipped; can sit on the statues erected in his honor, and can look at the tombs in which his royal bones were laid.

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