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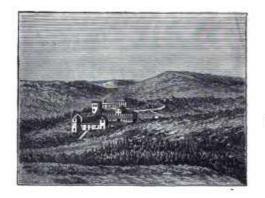
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GENERAL VIEW OF HAMMAM RIRHA.

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# HAMMAM RIRHA,

### ALGIERS.

### INTRODUCTION.

HITHERTO sufferers from chronic rheumatism and its allies have usually been obliged to wait until summer heat began, before they could go for their cure to one of the numerous watering-places in Europe, for in none of these, even the most southern, will the climate allow of a thermal mineral water cure being carried out during the cold winter months. Algiers is the only place where such a treatment can be safely attempted, and although situated in Africa, it is really nearer and more easily accessible to Central Europe than many places which, geographically speaking, are in Europe, such as Malta, Madeira, Sicily, and the Azores. It will therefore be a great boon for invalids to know that this region possesses

an excellent winter climate within easy reach (being only thirty-three hours from Marseilles), and where every comfort can be found that an invalid can wish for. The flourishing accounts I had heard from several people who had visited that place made me most anxious to pay it a visit, and judge for myself of its merits.

After leaving my summer quarters at Royat les Bains, I therefore started for Marseilles, crossed the Mediterranean, and landed at Algiers, after a pleasant trip of thirty-three hours. On landing I was much struck with the complete absence of sanitary arrangements in this city, and wonder how invalids can be tempted to reside there for health purposes. Mustapha Superior, a short distance from Algiers, is well situated on the slope of a hill, with charming villas, well surrounded by verdure, and commanding a good view of the Bay. It is chiefly inhabited by English, and it is a decided improvement on the dirty Franco-Arab town.

Being anxious to move on, I left Algiers by the morning train, arrived at the Bou-Medfa Station in three hours, and found there a comfortable conveyance, which took us up the hill in forty minutes to Hammam-Rirha, where we alighted on the 12th of