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THE antiquities in the Oasis of Amun are very interesting. A conical hill called Gibel el Mouta, or the mountain of the dead, about a quarter of an hour's walk from Siwah, is full of excavated tombs; according to Mr. Browne there are more than thirty of them; the general proportions being: length, 12 ft.; width, 6 ft.;