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## OASIS PARVA.

BELZONI seems to have been the first European traveller who visited the Wah el Bahnasa, or as it is sometimes called Wah el Mendeeshah, the Oasis parva of the Romans. He left the Faioom the 19th May, 1819, but did not meet with a very cordial reception. The inhabitants doubted the sincerity of his antiquarian predilections, and were induced to ascribe a more sordid motive as the cause of his having traversed the desert. But although they received him with great sus-