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Old Heliopolis is across the railway line to the north, it is now buried in sand and almost the only thing to be seen is an obelisk sticking up above the ground. The present surface is about eight or ten feet above the foundations of the old city in this place so a well has been cleared around the base of the obelisk and the sides cemented. The bottom of the well is formed by the old original tiling of the city, as fine and good as in the days of the city. Cleopatra's needle, which was a

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made to the obelisk stood about two hundred years to the north. The obelisk is of red granite. There is a very slight dampness rising from the Egyptian soil but, as it has been rising for hundreds of years it has caused a certain amount of corrosion to take place and the edges of the hieroglyphics and the edges of the column itself are rough and chipped. The dampness however does not rise more than a few feet ~~but~~ so above the level of the dampness the pillar is as smooth and polished and the edges as sharply defined as it was in the days of the old city