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Moslem "flower-pot" hat or turbosh,
he belonged to the Christian faith.
We entered the old city through
one of its eight famous gates -
the Gaffa Gate. It was through
here that Lord Colclough entered
the city in 1917. Well the old
city was a maze of narrow
winding streets & lanes with
cobble-stones & was in most
respects similar to other native
towns of the East - with one
noticeable exception. There weren't
so many smells & one wasn't
continually being held up to buy
something as you are in
Cairo. This was very noticeable.
The streets were alive with
people young & old, all bent on
various tasks. There were whole
streets of vegetable shops: cabbages,
turns, smiths & so on. Now & again
you stepped aside to let a
donkey laden with goods go
by. We went this way & go
that, ever deeper into the