

Near the temple spacious brick vaults, covered in with semicircular arches, are encountered. Their existence refutes the idea that the ancient Egyptians were unacquainted with the principle of the arch, although the absence from the temples of this method of building gives *prima facie* colouring to the notion. As the bricks bear the stamp of Rameses the Great, it can hardly be doubted but that these chambers were built during his reign.

The view shows both the tombs of Sheykh Abd-el-Koorneh and also the crowns of some of the vaults just described. The desolateness of this portion of the country can only be appreciated by the traveller, who views it on a November day, in a temperature of about 96° in the shade.