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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Phosphate Deposits of Egypt: Survey Department, Egypt The formation of the Geological Survey in Algeria led to an important discovery of phosphatic daposits by M. Thomas in 1873, which have since become of considerable commercial value, the production for 1902 being estimated at over 575,000 tons. As the rich phosphates were found to characterize a definite horizon at the base of the Eocene series, viz., the lower Suessonian, and strata of the same age were also present in Egypt, the French geologists in 1894 approached M. Fourtau as to the possibility of these deposits also occurring in this country, but his reply was a practical negative. In 1898, the subject was re-opened, M. Thomas having suggested three localities for examination, viz.: 1. El Guss Abu Said, west of the oasis of Farafra. 2. Jebel Dwanka, or the Todtenberg, near Assiut, and 3. Wadi Tih. The nature of the beds at these points was considered by M. Fourtau, and he rightly arrived at the conclusion that these localities were unproductive, 1st, because they were at...

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