

by neat, trimly kept gravel walks. The beds were planted with oranges and bananas, and clumps of aloes with their rich crimson spikes, alternating with the cool, white cups of the calla; while heliotrope and jasmine, and many aromatic flowering shrubs and herbs, sent up an almost oppressive fragrance into the warm still air. While we were there, several beautiful hawk-moths were hovering over the flowers and dipping their long trunks into their bells.

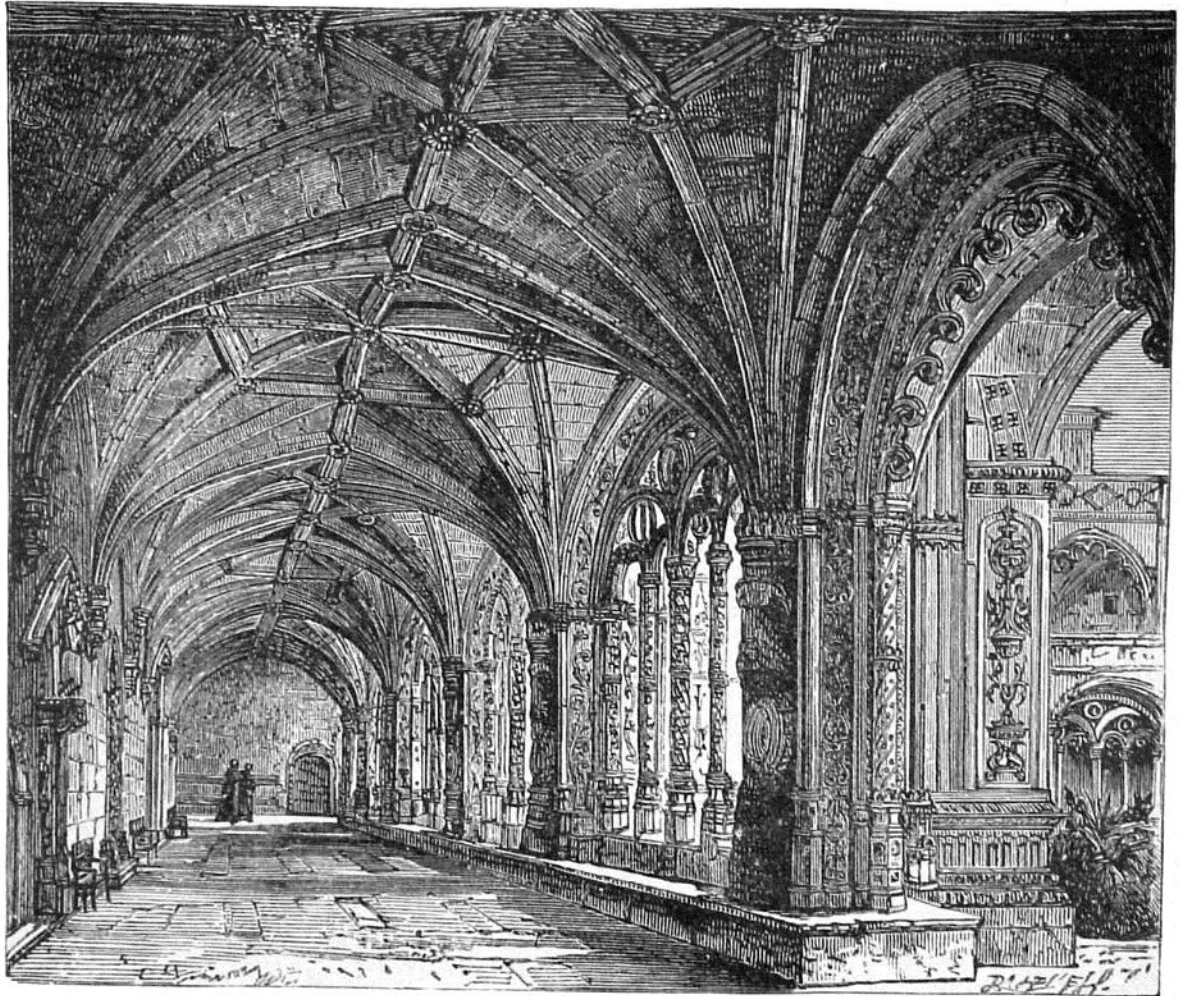


FIG. 22.—Cloisters of the Monastery of Santa Maria, Belem.

All round the quadrangle runs a double tier of cloisters, supported by low, gracefully proportioned and richly ornamented arches—a kind of compromise between the Moorish and the Gothic.

The stone is a light-pink carboniferous limestone, almost a marble, with many fossils; and in some places the elegant