It may not be generally known that Osman D.gma is a Frenchman by birth, and was born in the year 1832 in a small hotel in Rouen. His father dying a year or two afterward, his mother married an Alexandrian merchant in 1837, half French and half Egyptian, of the name of Osman Digma, who, taking a great fancy to young Osman (at that time named Alphonse Vinet), insisted on having his name changed to his own, and dying in 1842, left him about 500,000 francs. After the death of his step father he was left to the guardianship of Ali Khana, a kind of half partner of the elder Osman, a Mussulman, who, at the death of Mme. Digma, in 1844, took young Osman into his house. His religion at that time, being very much of the Christian unattached type, was soon converted into Mohammedanism. Ali Khana was a very wealthy man, and lived in great Oriental pomp and splendor. Though intending to be very kind to young Osman, his kindness was of a very Spartan order indeed. He had numerous professors for various branches of learning, and would often be examined by Ali himself, who, if he did not consider that he had made progress, would have him severely bastinadoed.

At the age of 15 he was sent to Cairo to an ex-French officer to be taught the various methods of European warfare. Capt. Meral had some fifty boys residing in his house studying war in all its branches, two or three of whom have since become famous, not least among, them being Arabi Pasha. It is strange, as illustrating the old saying, that "the boy is father to the man," that both Osman and Arabi distinguished themselves as leaders in the mimic battles fought in the grounds of Capt. Merale, the former in a dashing, swooping, kind of way, carrying everything before him, the latter as a tactician. The consequence was that a rivalry existed between the two, both having about an equal number of their schoolfellows siding with them. Osman remained here until his nineteenth year, when he was sent by his guardian to France on matters relating to Ali's busi-

In 1866 he obtained the command of his regiment, but shortly afterward, offending the Khedive, he had to leave Egypt, and had his property confiscated. He then went to Suakim, and entered business as a ship chandler and coal agent under an assumed name; but, while on a hunting expedition, he was captured by a roving band of Arabs, and was sold as a slave to the man who at present calls himself the Mahdi. The Mahdi was charmed with his new slave as a man of unbounded learning, and who would be able to train his numerous supporters in the art of war. He gave Osman his daughter in marriage, and has ever since treated him like a son.

Coats of Mail Worn by Arabs in the Soudan.

Coats of mail are still in use among some of the Soudanese Arab tribes. Whether original or a copy, says Col. Colbourne, in speaking of one of these coats of armor, it was undoubtedly the dress of the Crusaders. The hauberk of mail was fastened round the body by the baltan, and formed a complete covering from head to foot. The long two-handled double-edged sword was borne betweer the leg and the saddle. The wearer of this mediæval garb was Sheik Mohammed Sebekh of the Halawin tribe of Bagarra Arabs. His armor had been in his family 810 years. The horse's head was encased in steel, and its body covered with a quilt thick enough to turn a spear. It was shaped like the armor one reads of in Froissart.

It has been asserted in connection with this curious subject that the practice suvives in the Soudan alone. It may, therefore, be well to state that it is also found among the Khevsur people of the Centra Caucasus, who still habitually wear chain armor, shields and helmets, like mediaval knights. In fact, it was formerly general among all the Caucasian tribes, and the Chechenzes of Daghestan still wore coats of mail down to the beginning of the present century.

The armor does not appear to have been forged by these people themselves, but was handed down, as among the Soudanese Arabs, as an heirloom from generation to generation in the families of the chiefs. Hence the inference that this armor dates everywhere from the times of the Causades, of which it may be regarded as a remarkable reminiscence.

How Fahrenheit Got His Zero.

Fahrenheit was a mathematician and knew that a circle was divided into 360 degrees. He found that steam and ice were the most natural fixed points in temperature, at opposite poles. He therefore naturally divided the distance on his glass tube between ice and steam into the number of degrees in the diameter of a circle, which is 180. He wanted an instrument which could be cheaply made and which would measure above steam and below ice, so far as would be used in everyday life. He found that artificial cold could be produced which would cause the mercury to fall just thirtytwo of the spaces he had marked off on his glass between ice and steam, and he there, sensibly or not, placed his zero or point from which he could count. Hence, ice or freezing is 32 degrees above, and steam or boiling water is the diameter of his circle or 180 degrees above ice, or 212 degrees above zero.

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LITTLE LAUGHLETS.

A tight place—The spectacular drama. In these "shutting down" times it is evident that ten mills do not make a cent. It is the husband of the woman who snores that has plenty of time for midnight reflections.

"Cleave to me," she murmured to her escort at the theatre. And as soon as the curtain fell he clove.

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Jones, who is visiting the Gallapagos Islands, writes to his friend Brown that the society ladies there are a "shiftless

A new idea for a marquerade costume : Give yourself a good coating of green paint, and go as a pickle. This will take

"The way to sleep," says a scientest, "Is to think of nothing," but this is a mistake. The way to sleep is to think it is time to get up.

"You seem to have plenty of business here," said a drummer to Miss Fitz, the dressmaker. "There's a heap more bustle than business," was the lady's re-

society belle. "Then I should think you would wear more of it," returned the cynical bachelor friend of middle age.

"Were you ever caught in a sudden squall?" asked an old yachtsman of a worthy citizen. "Well, I guess so!" responded the good man. I've helped to bring up eight babies.

Adam had a joyful life, inasmuch as his wife's mother did not live with him. but on the other hand he missed the pleasure of being present at her funeral. Sorrow and pleasure always go hand inhand.

If Adam and Eve did promptings of courage evade

When to sin he was gently persuaded, To temper the same this excuse can be made, His evasions were surely Eve-aided.

Miss Parvenu: "I was almost sorry, mamma, that you spoke so rudely to that poor little Mrs. Wilkins." Mamma: "Well, my'dear, pray where is the satisfaction of being in the first society if you cannot snub those that are out of it?"

"Did you notice, dear, at the party last evening how grandly our daughter Clara swept into the room?" Husband (with a grunt)-"Oh, yes, Clara can sweep into a room grandiy enough, but when it comes to sweeping out a room she isn't there."

"Your age?" asked the judge. "Thirtyfive, your Honor," replied the woman. Judge-"But you were thirty-five the last time you were here, three years ago." She-"And does your Honor think I'm the woman to say one thing one day ard another thing another?"

"Oh, George! How superlatively : till, clear and beautiful is the night!" she whispered, leaning her finely veined temple against his coat collar; "how soothing, how restful." "Yes, ' he replied, toying with her chesnut sureole of hair. "What a night to shoot cats!"

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