

of several camels which had been left to die where they had dropped down.

"A day or two after, I went to visit a caravan of pilgrims proceeding to Mecca to see the tomb of Mahomet. The caravan was encamped just outside of Suez. There were nearly 300 Arabs and Greeks composing it. They had a great number of camels loaded with water and provisions. The men were all armed with guns, sabres, and pistols, even more than a regular soldier would be; the passage across the Great Desert being at this time very dangerous in consequence of the Bedouins. The object of the caravan was to take a splendid silk carpet to cover the coffin of the prophet. We were allowed to see the carpet on the production of a slight baksheesh, in the shape of a florin, and it is a marvellous piece of workmanship. It was to be taken to its destination on four white horses, and these will be slain after the journey is completed, so that they may never be used again for any less holy purpose."

SWEDISH LAWS.

SWEDEN was once the most drunken nation in Europe. Now it is one of the most temperate. A simple law prohibiting publicans from making profit by the sale of spirits, and encouraging them to sell tea, coffee, &c., has produced a most wonderful change. Happy homes are now daily increasing in number in Sweden.

There is another good Swedish law that severely punishes people for cruelty to animals.

A dog which had been run over by a carriage crawled to the door of a Swedish tanner. The man's son, a boy about fifteen years of age, first stoned and then poured a vessel of boiling water upon the poor animal. This act of diabolical cruelty was witnessed by one of the magistrates, who thought that such barbarity deserved to be publicly noticed. He therefore informed the