

shoe. 24. Have you the cloth shoe of the physician's sister?
25. No, Madam, I have the lady's silk dress.

SECTION IV.

1. The article, contracted with the proposition *de*, according to Rules 1 and 2 of Section III., is placed in French before words used in a partitive sense. Such words may generally be known in English when *some* or *any* is or may be prefixed to them [§ 14 (11), § 78 (1)].

Du pain.
De la viande.
De l'argent.

Bread, or some bread.
Meat, or some meat.
Money, or some money.

2. The French numeral adjective *un, m., une, f.*, answers to the English indefinite article, *a* or *an* [§ 14 (4) (10)].

Un homme.
Une femme.

A man.
A woman.

3. The *e* of the proposition *de* is elided before *un* and *une* [§ 143], and replaced by an apostrophe.

D'un livre, m.
D'une maison, f.

Of or from a book.
Of or from a house.

4. When the nominative or subject of an interrogative sentence is not *ce, on*, or a personal pronoun, it should be placed before the verb; and immediately after the verb in simple tenses, and after the auxiliary in compound tenses, a pronoun must be placed agreeing with the nominative in gender, number and person [§ 76 (4) (5)].

Le médecin a-t-il de l'argent?
Le boucher a-t-il de la viande?
Mes frères sont arrivés; les vôtres
sont-ils partis?
Cela est-il vrai?

Has the physician money?
Has the butcher meat?
My brothers have arrived;
are yours gone?
Is that true?

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.

Avez-vous du pain?

Have you bread?

Vous avez du pain, du beurre,
et du fromage.

*You have bread, butter, and
cheese.*

Votre frère a-t-il une livre de
beurre?

*Has your brother a pound of
butter?*

Cela appartient-il à votre frère?

Does that belong to your brother?

La leur est-elle ici?

Is theirs here?

La sœur du médecin a-t-elle du
papier et de l'encre?

*Has the physician's sister paper
and ink?*

5. It will be seen, by some of the above examples, that the article must be repeated before every noun used in a partitive sense.

EXERCISE 5.

Acajou, m. *mahogany.*
Acier, m. *steel.*
Aujourd'hui, *to-day.*

Beurre, m. *butter.*
Bière, f. *beer.*
Bœuf, m. *beef.*

Café, m. *coffee.*
Cuiller, f. *spoon.*
Dé, m. *thimble.*