

has my cousin's book. 27. Has he the tailor's coat? 28. He has not the tailor's coat. 29. We have neither the cloth nor the silk.

SECTION VI.

1. The verb **avoir** is used idiomatically in French, with the words **quelque chose**, **chaud**, **froid**, **faim**, **honte**, **peur**, **raison**, **tort**, **soif**, **sommeil**.

J'ai quelque chose,
Il a chaud,
Elle a faim,
Nous avons honte,
Vous avez peur,
Ils ont tort,
Avez-vous raison?
J'ai sommeil,

Something is the matter with me.
He is warm.
She is hungry.
We are ashamed.
You are afraid.
They are wrong.
Are you right?
I am sleepy.

2. A noun, whether taken in a general or in a particular sense, is, in French, commonly preceded by the article **le** in its different forms [§ 77 (1) (2)].

Le pain est nécessaire.
Il a le pain.

Bread is necessary.
He has the bread.

3. A noun, preceded by the article **le**, retains that article after **ni**, **nor**, **neither**; but a noun taken in a partitive sense (Sect. 4, 1), takes after **ni** neither article nor preposition.

Je n'ai vu ni l'arbre ni le jardin, *I have seen neither the tree nor the garden.*

Nous n'avons vu ni arbre ni jardin, *We have seen neither tree nor garden.*

4. A noun, taken in a partitive sense, and preceded by an adjective, takes merely the preposition **de** [§ 78 (3)].

5. The following adjectives are generally placed before the noun:—

Beau, *handsome*. Cher, *dear*.

Jeune, *young*. Meilleur, *better*.

Bon, *good*.

Grand, *great*, *large*.

Joli, *pretty*.

Petit, *small*.

Brave, *worthy*.

Gros, *large*.

Mauvais, *bad*.

Vieux, *old*.

Vilain, *ugly*.

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.

Avez-vous quelque chose?

Is anything the matter with you?

Je n'ai rien (*literally*, *I have nothing*).

Nothing is the matter with me.

Votre frère a-t-il chaud?

Is your brother warm?

Il n'a ni froid ni chaud.

He is neither cold nor warm.

Votre sœur a-t-elle faim ou soif?

Is your sister hungry or thirsty?

Elle n'a pas faim, mais elle a honte.

She is not hungry, but ashamed.

Votre ami a-t-il sommeil?

Is your friend sleepy?

Mon ami n'a ni sommeil ni peur.

My friend is neither sleepy nor afraid.

Avez-vous raison ou tort?

Are you right or wrong?

Avez-vous du lait ou du vin?

Have you milk or wine?

Je n'ai ni lait ni vin [R. 3].

I have neither milk nor wine.

Avez-vous le lait ou le vin?

Have you the milk or the wine?

Je n'ai ni le lait ni le vin [R. 3].

I have neither the milk nor the wine.

Avez-vous de beau drap et de bon café?

Have you handsome cloth and good coffee?