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## Sidi-Ifni

I reside in Sidi-Ifni. It is the capital of Ifni. Before it was a Spanish province but on June 30<sup>th</sup> it was transferred by Spain to Morocco. It is a pretty city beside the sea and the Anti-Atlas. It is the zone of transition to desert. The city is small, modern and almost white.

The sea arrives to it in seven waves that strongly break in front of the "Morbo" of Sidi-Aali-Ifni from which receives its name.

Its climate is smooth, temperate, very similar to the Canary Islands but with a peculiar shade by the proximity of the mountains to the sea and the winds that mix. In it feels the benign heat of the Sahara and the one impetuous and heat "Trifis" (Sirocos) that devastate

<sup>2</sup> The crops (Generally the month of the sirocs is January)  
It is nice to see the lowest's plagues that there are.  
the "degmous", the Talalt, the cactus, the Chumbera,  
the Tebaiba, the enequeen and the gita put the  
green colour in its mountains but the true trees  
of Iful are the argan and the palmera.

The argan almost sacred tree, according to the legend  
narrate, arised out in shrub by intercession of Sidi -  
Vaggas that very sorry of the misery of the country's  
netches prayed and prophesied: "Will sprout a  
shrub of which hard produce will extract oil for  
your nutriment and illumination of your home; those  
produce will nourish yours cattle, that might by  
his foliage for his alimentation, as you will nourish  
it to build your residences".

After this shrub developed, changing into a leafy tree  
by intercession of saint woman Lal-la-Rahma.

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the palmera of which the arabian proverb says: "It has  
the head in the fire and the feet in the water".  
It arises beside the wells and embellishes the "morabos"  
(Morabo = dervish's grave).

The baamarami or native of Ifui, shares his peaceable  
life with the field, the family, the prayer and his  
animals. They are a good and noble people that  
without losing their idiosyncrasy feel Spanish because  
Spain has not banished his traditions, but raised  
him from his wretchedness.

The assistance sanitary centres, of teaching,  
the improvement of agriculture cattle-raising, commerce,  
industry, communications, etc. etc. were opening way.  
Today it is a reality.

Two peoples of different race and religion doing common  
his sadness and his movements.  
Sidi - Ifui celebrates six feast in the year. Two christians:

Christmas and Easter . and four arabic : El Flulud ,  
Aid el Kebir , Aid el Seguer (that does end of the  
month of Ramadane) and Aacher .

In the fairs , the guitar , the templillo , and  
the lotar that playing the rals (a baamarans ju -  
glers) resounded in the air .

At the hour of Twilight the dervish looks to  
the Mecca . From the minaret of the mosque he  
has sing his prayer .  
the winds calm , the sky tinge of fire to the  
~~cliff~~ cliff .

So is Sidi - Iui , of the miniture village  
of " Amezdog " only stay the legend -

Flaris

