

stinctive mark of the West, which no b mentions without scorn, and no man ears it ever dreams of defending by any the sears it ever dreams of defending by any rement of health, beauty, or convenience, ito perish? It looks like it, for the extra-mry superstructure has at last been at-bed in the rational way. Artists have de-inced the tail hat, doctors have condemned wis have satirized it, quiet citizens have lowed that it bas every bad quality a head-ess can have, and still Western mankind has rtinaciously adhered to a costume it did not oprove. The attack was too revolutionary, me people wanted us all to go bareheaded, hich seemed to men accustomed to go covered possible; some to adopt the wide-awake, sich was condemned as vulgar; some to fall ek on a straw hat, which was inconvenient. A man wilk a bare head is half-dressed, ide-awakes are worn by grooms, a straw hat "A man with a bare head is half-dressed, ide-awakes are worn by grooms, a straw hat teaks when lifted properly in a bow, and alto-ther every substitute failed. At last some nius hit on a bright idea. Leave the allk hat one, but lower its crown, and lo! the work as done. Monthly, almost hourly, the funnel at declines, the brims widen, the edges turn p, until, if the reformers have only nerve and ash, we shall in twelve months be wearing a asonable bead-dress—a low, stiff sombrero of t-covered card board, with soft interior edges, in which no one could wish for a more reason-e or more becoming covering. It will be e or more becoming covering. It will be it, for there will be little of it; will shade the s and neck-far more important-because it broad brims; can be taken off for a bow, be-

net now worn :--

## THE MODEL HAT.

Shorten the slik-covered funnel to three hes at most, widen the brim to at least two la half, turning them up a little, make the ide edges soft with an ludla-rubber beltside edges soft with an india-rubber belt-e linen or paper substitute is a blunder, and dia-rubber only a make shift till chemsstry lps the hatter-and we shall have a head-vering acceptable at once to the hygeist, the list, and the philosopher who believes equality complete without at least a possible demo-acy of dress. There never will be any de-ocracy of the kind-only look at the tailor's ter, in his perfect costume-but that is of under a Household Suffrage he is master, at will mollify him, and not hurt anybody. riously, no head-dress has ever been invented ously, no head-dress has ever been invented

riously, no head-dress has ever been invented lich will better answer its many purposes-lighter, cheaper, cooler, or a more perfect otection than the low-crowned, broad-immed, well-made silk 'hat.' It is the head-me of our great grandfathers, improved and multied by the utilitarian genius of the year 7. It is not perfect yet; but if the 'Prince of alles can only be kept straight, and does not dure the height of his hat more than an inch nonth, and does not ask 'Parliament for any uney, so as to become unpopular, we shall in the hat game yet. he hat game yet.

## BONNETS.

just possible that the ultimate result of nnet movement may be equally satisfac-People's judgments upon the bonnet of are disturbed, because they will import he controversy the entirely irrelevant on of the most artistic method of dresson of the most artistic method of dress-omen's hair. Just as they thought they condemning crincline when they were y discussing the morality of ankles, so think they are discussing bonnets when are really abusing chignons. If the chig-has anything to do with the bonnet, argu-becomes impossible or futile; we might as the growthat would best suit per-

becomes impossible or futile; we might as liscuss the giove that would best suit peo-ho wore artificial thumbs. e bonnet of the day is a very good bonnet, considered by itself, and it is only an in-tion to something better. It has, in the iace, all the negative qualities. It does lde the face like a poke. It is not brazen, pork ple. It does not necessatily surren-e complexion to all the winds of heaven, at particular wind which in Britain sugt particular wind which in Britain sug-hat the 'other place' must lie due east. It ot ruin the complexion by compelling its r to throw a red shade on pink cheeks, or n shade on an alabaster face, or a blue over a creamy blonde, or an orange tint best color of all, let the poets say what ike-the glowing brunette. It is-ask any man felse-supremely comfortable; it will ange itself to any rational mode of dressing hair-chignons are warts, not adornments

can be made at any price, or of any material, id—that such felicity should be attainable to usbands !—it will pack in any box. "The bandbox, that impossible article of lug-

ge which nobody would carry—even couriers led at it—which nobody could protect from a smash it was made to invite, which nobody red abandon, and which always had to be re-ced after a day's journey, is extinct—as ex-ct as those marvellous contrivances made in osting days, and called imperials, and in a only lady novelists nowadays believe. ariatocratic heroines always carry them liway journeys, and somehow or other get under the stat. There is not a woman in tern Europe who is not the prettier for the set of to day, and we would wish it an eterof duration, but that, in the first place, the rai man has a capacity of being bored by eness; and in the second, there is a possiy of a still better change.

## HOODS PROPOSED.

uppose the bounct glides into the hood—we in the hood and not the mantilla. We have bts about the mantilla. The milliner counes who write on fashions say it is coming in all but the walking costumes, but that will do. So are emeralds instead of opals, but people will buy neither, nor mantillas her. The point for the philosopher in dress the bonnet, or rather head covering which he majority of cultivated Western women are being the streat and we see hopeful the msjority of cultivated Western women are likely to wear in the street, and we see hopeful figns that it may by possibility be the hood, the only head-dress ever worn by women which really covers the head, which can be made of any thickness or any material, which allows of any arrangement of the hair, which requires no separate packing or carriage, and which ena-bles its wearers to be covered or uncovered without tedious processes of preparation.

"Without tedious processes of preparation. "With the hood five seconds will fit a lady for the streets, a saving of at least ten per cent, of the available time of half the human race. Healthy, convenient, and cheap, or costly at discretion, the hood has every artistic recomdiscretion, the hood has every artistic recom-mendation. It frames the picture to perfection, with a frame of any fliting breadth or color, and it preserves, as no bonnet except the poke has ever done, that distinction between indoor and outdoor costume, that reserve in display which, above all things, keeps up the charm of atch, above all things, keeps up the charm of minne variety. It suits all complexions and ages, being in fact itself of every age, the y same hood which looks *piquante* on a girl sing grave and quiet on the matron of forty-e. No bonnet has that quality, and the ind reason why bonnets are so often con-mned by artists is that fashion requires them be all alike, while nature insists on as many ides of meaning in them as there are years a woman's life." woman's life.

MPORTANT TO INFANTS .- Miss Alice Cary has aferred a favor on parents, male and female, the ingenious invention of a new name for girl. It is not merely a new name, but is so a pretty name-and romantic withal. It "Marybel," and is the title of four pretty

erses, in one of which the poet got a tumble, thus :--We met in the dim, delicious gra-I and my beautiful Marybel, And straight in her honeyed a

d there I drowned dead in The swain who thus succumb have committed saccharine st line reminds us of Captain Cuttle con-

oling Florence Dombey for the loss of Walter -"He's drownded, pretty, ain't he? Poor Wal'r !"

DEATH OF A GIANT .- Richard Meek, who died on the 31st ult., at Yetholm, England, was the tallest policeman in the kingdom, his height being 6 feet 10 inches in his stockings

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