

THE MODERN BONNET.

—Or is it a hat?
Dome of St. Peter's! tell me that.
It is broadly conceived, crown, brim and bow.

THE BREAKING UP OF THE ICE BRIDGE.

Among the inhabitants of one of the little fishing villages on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River was a thrifty French Canadian named Pierre Laval.

the ice, the clearing of the river, and the re-appearance of the long procession of stately ships sailing by on their way to Montreal.

ward on his way. The same oppressive stillness continued, still the black clouds mounted higher and higher, and there was the same peculiar moaning in the ice beneath.

Youths' Department.

DOLLY'S DESPAIR.
I'm only a last year's dolly!
I thought I was lovely and fair—
But alas, for the cheeks that were rosy,

THE LONGEST DAY IN THE YEAR.

I don't know what the almanac man said about it, but Dan said it was the longest, and Dan was certainly the one who understood the matter best.

Helping a Constable.

One day a Michigan Constable who had long been trying to collect a claim of forty dollars against a sharp citizen, went to a worthy burgher and said:

The Blind as Actors.

On a recent occasion at the Institution for the Blind at South Boston they performed a play, on an actual stage, with twenty characters clothed according to their several parts, making no mistakes, and doing better with it, generally, as a whole, than their sharpened confederates of the sock and buskin.

for mother to come and get Nanny before he went to the barn.
" Oh, Deacon Skinner," burst out Dan, " it was me; I scart Whitey."

A Word to the Girls.

What! detest the care to be spotless as a lily, sweet and fresh as lavender, a blessing to those who see her, a part of all fair and comely scenes, instead of something discordant, marring them?

Colored Schools in South Carolina.

In a single school in Charleston there are fourteen hundred negro children. The teachers are all white—the principal is a man; all the other teachers are women, many of them ladies of great refinement, themselves once mistresses of slaves, whom necessity has compelled to seek employment.

Extravagant Generosity.

One day last week a New Bedford lady lost a diamond ring in the cars while on her way from Boston to this city. She informed the conductor of her loss, and he instructed the person who swept the car to watch carefully for the article.