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 We have only to say to the young woman in the big hat that in spite of her discouraging headgear and her persistent restlessness, we did occasionally obtain a glimpse of the stage. We trust, however, she will not take her failure to heart, but rise to renewed effort in a new and bigger hat, re-enforced by more strenuous efforts to solve the problem of perpetual motion.
 The young man who left the car door open to give the zero weather an opportunity to enter may be interested to know that his thoughtfulness did not engender the pneumonia in our lungs; that, in fact, save for a continual sneezing, an inflamed throat and a touch of the pleurisy, his attentions were without result.
 The gentleman who expected that banana skin on the sidewalk in expectation that he should be brought low is informed that we saw it in time and escaped. It may be regretted that the poor fellow who was disappointed to know that an elderly woman fell a victim and received injuries which are likely to prove fatal.
 The gentleman who, in the horse car, was relinquished our seat in the horse car, and who forgot to return thanks, we owe an abject apology. We had supposed she was a lady, or we should not have been so presumptuous.
 We beg to disabuse the mind of that lady whom we met while endeavoring to enter a store, and who, in the process, was designed as auxiliaries in committing mayhem. They are sometimes made to serve that purpose, but they were not made especially with that view in the minds of their promoters.
 We sincerely hope that the lady behind us at the opera succeeded in cooling her head, but that she who played so hastily. At all events we can congratulate her upon her splendid success in keeping the back of our neck cool. Our physician thinks that the lady who played so hastily, turn our head without having to turn our entire body.
 The gentleman whom we met daily, and who was in possession of a hat so formed that two persons moving in opposite directions can each pass to the right unimpeded as it may seem to him.
 We present an apology to the gentleman who sat behind us in the steam car this morning and perused our paper over our shoulder. It was a paper three days old. We regret that our careless playfulness occasionally misleading him led to no unpleasant consequences.
 The gentleman whose pleasure it is to tread on our heels is respectfully informed that we have no children, and in fact our heels are tough and callous; there fore we feel that we should be guilty of deception if we allowed him to continue.—Boston Transcript.

Wrote that Crampus on neck.
 English visitors to the Austrian capital just before Christmas must take away with them a funny notion of the customs of the city when they leave it. St. Nicholas is a mischievous and trade is taking into its hands the old, quaint peculiarities which are different in every Continental town. In Vienna Crampus has always reigned supreme, a well known personification of the evil one, with broken chains hanging from his wrists, horns on his black face, a long, red tongue and frightful claws. He is armed with a red and a bag from which generally emerge a couple of babies. The dress of Crampus varies from scarlet to black. He is sometimes composed of French plums and generally dressed in fur.
 The saintly Bishop Nicholas, who ought to be the hero of the day, has to stand behind Crampus, in several places, to estimate the number of ellgias of this boy shown in every market, street, shop and ground floor window. At the confessions of the Crampus, he is dressed high, dressed in the height of fashion, with only horns to betray their infernal antecedents. Every luxury in the way of sweets is of fered in the Crampus, and the little ones wander from shop to shop, never tired of gazing on the wondrous of the season.—Cor. London News.

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