

Children's Hats.

Now that the days of sunshine are with us, it may be worth while to remind parents that the use of a child's hat is to cover its head, and the use of the brim is to shade the eyes. It is painful to see infants and little folks of tender years with half closed eyelids, knitted brows, and faces screwed up and distorted by the glare of the sunshine, from which they ought to be protected. Fashion is the Juggernaut of life all the world over, and children are tortured, with the kindest intentions, in the worship of the hideous monster, but it is needless to inflict annoyances which do not actually form part of the orthodox sacrifice to folly. While children are allowed to wear hats with brims, these useful appendages should be turned down so as to shade the eyes. This simple precaution will save considerable pain, spare some trouble with the eyes, and produce a more pleasing expression. Children who are struggling to keep the sun out of their eyes do not feel amiable or look happy, as a walk in one of the parks any fine morning must convince the attentive observer.—*Lancet.*

Longfellow's Love of Children.

Many pleasing anecdotes are told illustrating Mr. Longfellow's kindly manner towards strangers, and especially gentleness towards children, for whom there was always a place in his heart. The following story, told by Prof. Luigi Monti last year, is a fair example of the many that have been, or might be told. For many years this gentleman has been in the habit of driving with the poet every Saturday.

On Christmas day, as he was walking briskly toward the old historic house, he was accosted by a girl about twelve years old, who inquired the way to Longfellow's home. He told her it was some distance down the street, but if she would walk along with him he would show her. When they reached the gate, she said: "Do you think I can go in the yard?" "O, yes," said Signor Monti. "Do you see the room on the left? That is where Martha Washington held her receptions a hundred years ago. If you look at the window on the right you will probably see a white-haired gentleman reading a paper. Well, that will be Mr. Longfellow."

She looked gratified and happy

at the unexpected pleasure of really seeing the man whose poems she said she loved. As Signor Monti drew near the house, he saw Mr. Longfellow standing with his back against the window, his head, of course out of sight. When he went in the kind-hearted Italian said: "Do you look out of the window and bow to that little girl, who wants to see you very much." "A little girl wants to see me very much? Where is she?" He hastened to the door, and beckoning with his hand, called out: "Come here, little girl; come here, if you want to see me." She needed no second invitation; and, after shaking her hand and asking her name he kindly took her into the house, showed her the "old clock on the stairs," the chair made from the village smithy's chestnut tree, and presented to him by the Cambridge children, and the beautiful pictures and mementoes gathered in many years of foreign residence. That child will carry all of her life delightful memories of her Christmas call at Mr. Longfellow's.—*Ec.*

Teach Them to Read Newspapers.

Teach the boys and girls to read the newspapers, not sensational, trashy, smutty, sheets, but clean, respectable, plain spoken papers. It will do them more good than can be calculated. It will make them intelligent. It will give them food for thought. It will cultivate a taste for more extensive reading. It will cause them to love home better. It will make their intellects keener and hearts happier, purer and better. Then as they grow in wisdom they should also be supplied with first class magazines and good books. Such opportunities will be worth more to them than mints of gold. By all means, cultivate a taste for reading among the children; and a good local newspaper is the best to begin with, as the children can there read about things that are familiar to them—about their town and country, and concerning men and things of which they have personal knowledge. From this beginning they can go on step by step until they rank among the most intelligent people of the land.—*Greenville Banner.*

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