

"This is produced by a pressure on the cranium while in infancy. A padding is pressed upon the forehead by cords passed through holes on each side of the cradle." It will be easily supposed that this must be a gradual operation, and it is said the infant is kept in this manner upwards of a year. The countenance of the infant is distorted during the operation, and its little keen black eyes forced out to an unnatural degree. This must be exceedingly injurious to the brain, and, in consequence, to the whole system.

The sketch adjoined will give the reader the best idea of their singular appearance.



How capricious are the ideas of beauty. A flat head is the *beau ideal*, in the *beau monde* across the Rocky Mountains. Other equally arbitrary distinctions predominate among other classes of people, even among the civilized and highly cultivated.

The Flat-Heads are reported to have numerous good qualities. It is said, by travellers who have visited them, that they have fewer vices than any of the tribes in those regions. They are honest, brave, and peaceable. The women become exemplary wives and mothers. There are scarcely any instances of conjugal infidelity existing among them.

Besides the general division of tribes, there are also in each tribe subdivisions, called also tribes. When any particular nation sign a treaty, or an address to the Government, they affix their name, and the name of the