



From London Queen.

of India are pleased to have their special characteristics and customs taken notice of, and that their vanity was tickled by having one of themselves brought prominently before the public. No one, whether his skin be white or black, cares to be ignored, which is one way of saying that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Poona is the great resort during the monsoon for those who live in Bombay. The south-west monsoon commences about the beginning of June, and lasts till October. It does not rain all the time, but when it does come down, there is no mistake at all about it, and I have known it rain day and night for three weeks without one moment's cessation. The average fall, for the four months, is some seventy-five inches, and I recollect one Sunday in 1868 when it rained twelve inches in as many hours! This has perhaps to be seen to be believed, but it is quite true, and while for the first few days after the monsoon breaks, it is cool and refreshing to listen to the deluge pouring down upon the tiled roof of your bungalow, and to feel the prickly heat, which has made your skin like a boiled lobster, covered with innumerable pimples during the hot season, gradually being driven away, too much of anything in

this life produces monotony, so in a week or two, if time and opportunity offer, you gladly inform your "boy" that you start for Poona the next day, and he equally pleased replies "Atcha Sahib" (all right—literally—good—sir). That is all the order you give and the only answer you receive, but nothing more is necessary, for you are well aware, that your boy will attend to all the arrangements,—pack your portmanteau never forgetting the slightest article you may require, see that your "ghorawalla" (groom) takes your and saddle, and on your arrival at the railway station, the same invaluable servant will be there to hand you your ticket, going in a second-class carriage himself, and relieving you of all trouble.

To be continued.

"My Jack" at the Queen's Oct., 3rd.

## THE FASHIONS.

For fall hats the Gainsborough and Capeline are very fashionable in what is called the fop style, and the colours are both numerous and pretty, consisting of pink and blue, blue grey, light green and many shades of brown,—the red-brown predominating—Beavers are

also worn and many of the furs have stripes of beaver encircling their brims. Flowers appliqué in a darker colour are on some of the white or light coloured felts. There is also a large range of useful travelling hats trimmed either with broad braid, velvet, or silk ribbon, some with wings at the side. Low crowns are more fashionable than high. In trimmed hats the prettiest are those with a low, square, and hard crown, the brims being turned slightly up and pointed back and front. Our illustrations this week represent:—

No. 1. Empire Hat—High flat crown in gold and tabac brown straw, encircled with a jet galon. Wired brim in black lace, scalloped and outlined with black and gold beads. Ostrich tips at the side, strings in straw-coloured satin.

No. 2. The Letitia Bonnet.—Soft brim in pleated black net, edged with a wreath of berries and foliage in jet, matching the head of the hair plait pierced amidst the curls of the coiffure. Puckered crown in tulle, covered with yellow cornflowers, and upstanding ribbon loops matching the strings. Three of the blossoms nestle on the curls of the brow, whilst a bird's head rests in the centre, accompanied with jet wings and trainasse.