

of the head, and the head dress of ribbon or lace is worn so as to droop behind the ears. The extreme fullness of the front bandeaux of hair, renders it almost obligatory to fix the head dress very much towards the back of the head.

The few head-dresses we have yet seen are rich and elegant. They consist, for the most part, of blonde, lace, open work velvet, and dentelle d'or,—and, for trimming, flowers, feathers, ribbons, gold and silver blonde, and jet ornaments are employed. One of the prettiest caps we have yet seen is composed of a fauchon of black lace, trimmed with black ribbon, *broche* with gold, and two small light bouquets of gold flowers.—Another cap consists of a fauche of white silk tulle, spotted with gold, and trimmed, on each side, with a tuft of small marabout feathers, strewed with gold.

High dresses continue to be very general in demi-toilette; but the corsages are almost invariably open in front, and trimmed with lace or ribbon. Among the new dresses we do not observe that there is any variation from the style generally adopted for some time past. In full evening costumes the berthe descends in a point to the lower end of the waist in front, and the intermediary space is trimmed with bows of ribbon, eschelles of lace, &c.

Mourning Costume. The recent revival of the old fashion of employing jet trimmings, adds greatly to the elegance of mourning. A black crape dress has been trimmed with seven flounces which, as well as the corsage and sleeves, are ornamented with jet. Another dress, composed of black brocade, has the bottom of the skirt ornamented with three rows of fringe formed of jet. Dresses consisting of a skirt of black silk, and a jacket or vest of the same to match, have also been made to be worn in slight mourning. The skirts of these dresses are flounced, and the flowers, as well as the edge of the *pardessus*, are ornamented with embroidery.

Black cashmere, is a material often employed for morning or walking costume.—Dresses of this material are embroidered with silk, or ornamented with braid. In deep mourning, crape is usually employed as a trimming for cashmere dresses. A *pardessus* of the same trimmed with frills of crape, scalloped, and a black crape, may be

added for out-door costume. Mourning bonnets, consisting of bias folds of crape, have wide strings of ribbon *crepe*, and are trimmed, under the brim, with scabins and jet and foliage, or with velvet flowers, violet and black intermingled, collars, habit-shirts, and under-sleeves are ornamented with needlework in black. Among the head dresses adapted for mourning, may be mentioned crape flowers, relieved by *aiguillettes* of jet, and a petit-border of black crape, ornamented with a marchout feathers intermingled with jet: under-trimming, a small bouquet of violets, each having a jet bead in the centre.

NOTICE.—We must apologise to the readers of the *Mayflower*, for the late appearance of the present No. Circumstances, over which we have had no controul, have delayed it much beyond the usual time of publication, but we trust that future arrangements will be more satisfactory.

Items of News.

On the authority of the *Buffalo Advertiser* it is stated that the secret of the perpetual motion has really been discovered by three young men of that part of the country named FORCE. They are now in Washington City, applying for a patent, and are sanguine of success. The principle upon which the machinery is propelled is the pressure of atmospheric air upon a succession of vacuums. It is said they have been offered in Washington Fifty thousand dollars for the patent right for the State of New York.

A SCHOONER CAPSIZED AND THIRTY PERSONS LOST!—The sch. *Newbald*, Capt. Maine, was capsized a few days since on Lake Michigan with about thirty persons on board, all lost. She was on her passage from Chicago to Grand Traverse, with full supplies for a lumbering establishment at the latter place.

STEAMER SUNK.—The new steamship *El Dorado*, 1900 tons, built for the Chagres route, and advertised to sail on the 26th, capsized in the gale yesterday, at New York, and her windows being open, filled and sunk. She must have been rather *cranky* for an Ocean steamer.—*lb.*

FRENCH OFFICERS AMONG THE KAFFIRS.—It is stated that a French officer of distinction named Parel, is among the Kaffirs, as a leader of the forces against the English. He is said to have acquired a great ascendancy in the country by his bravery and intelligence.