## ASTONISHING AN OLD LADY.

An old lady whose home is in the country, and who had not been in Cincinnati for several years, came in the other day to do some trading, her principal business being one of the few eventful incidents in her life, the purchase of a new bonnet, She hadn't had a new bonnet since she was in Cincinnati the last time, and that was seven years ago; nor had she seen any of the new-fangled contrivances-"trifles light as air"-which the women wear now-adays in the place of bonnets. As a new bonnet was the engrossing theme in her mind on entering the city, of course she was on the alert at once to see what the fashion was. Imagine her consternation, then, in standing on Fourth-street, watching the people as they passed by. For a time she was perfectly speechless, and then she was observed to throw up her hands and exclaim:

"For the land's sake! are the women all crazy, gaddin' through the streets with nothin' on their blessed heads? What's become of all their bunnets ?"

She went into a millinery-store and accosted a "gentlemanly and obliging" young lady in attendance:

"You see, I came in the hull way from Carmont county to buy a bunnet. I've worn this one goin' on eight year. It's a little out of fashion, I reckon, and I want one that's right in style. I didn't know what the women was wearin', so I stopd out here a blessed hour to see 'em pass, and I hope never to see my old man agin if I saw one with a bunnet on durin' the hull time. Some had adoll's handkerchief laid on the top of the head, others had what looked for all the world like oyster patties trimmed with blowed glass; and I declare to goodness if one woman with a rutabaga turnip on the back of her head, in a fly-net, wore any coverin' 'ceptin' a yaller circus-ticket tied on with a ribbond!"

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bonnet line, the old lady's astonishment increased, and she was thoroughly bewildered by the time she had examined each of the varieties embraced in the milliner's collection, particularly when she learned the accompanying prices. She declared it was enough to drive one crazy to see sich vanities as women are runnin' to now-a-days. "Twant so when I was a gal," said she. "Women wore bunnets that kivered their heads, in them days, and tied 'em under the chin instid of fast'n 'em to the backhair." She left in great disgust, and said she would go back to Clermont and wear her old bonnet till milliners got to making bonnets again.

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