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LUTON HAT SHOW:

Luton in Bedfordshire, the capital of Britain's hat industry, holds a bonnet parade in Wardown Park. Among the judges of the contest is Lady Zia Werner. Luton prides itself on being Britain's No.1 Beem Town, for a century and half ago its population was 3,000 - now it's 120,000, 12,000 of whom are directly employed in hat-making.

A melanese cloche in silk jersey seems to please Luton's M.P. Dr. Charles Hill - or perhaps it's studying the "Tourist Hat", with everything on National Health!

This is the Oyster - complete with pint-sized mermaid.  
And this is Rooftop Serenade.

The St. Leger (with saddle and stirrups) is correctly made of leather. Among the teenage models is the Ladybird.

And for an even younger age-group, ten-year-old Janet Dines shows one way of keeping a pony-tail tidy. But the big prize of the contest - the Foster Challenge Cup - goes to that melanese cloche, Luton's Hat of the Year!