

The French Helmet's Practical Success



The new field equipment of the French infantryman. The French have gone far in their efforts to substitute for their comic-opera uniforms of blue and red a practical fighting costume, and they may now be considered as well clothed as any soldiers in the field. The steel helmet is the latest addition, and met with instant favor among the fighting men. The helmet is admirably designed, and tends to prevent the multitude of head injuries which have swelled the mortality rate. The illustrations of damaged helmets show the remarkable strength of this head-gear, for in all cases shown, the soldier was only slightly wounded by missiles which would otherwise have killed him