LADIES' DEPARTMENT. A Party in Florence.

A correspondent of the Chicago Times

cribes the gay life of the Flo and goes into raptures over the balls and fetes which enliven the ancient palaces of their old and fascinating city. We quote this picture of a wealthy lady ent and of the wonderful parties she gives:

Florence contains at this very mo-menta veritable Countess Monar Christo, theoretical ideal like that of Dumas', but a veritable heroine, with brains enough to think of all sorts of nice things, and practical sense and c priority enough to give shape and form to her thoughts. She is English, a

widow, rich as Crœsus, and amiable as she is good and generous, and even the most envious cannot say evil of Mrs. Greiswood. She receives every Tuesday evening, and such weekly receptions were never seen before. The Palazza Dhoogworst in which she lives, is on ng Arno, and is one of the most the Lu beautiful palaces in Florence. To see these magnificent - rooms is pleasure enough. Dancing begins at eleven o'clock, and the cotiflion or German. with which all the balls of Florence end, continues till five o'clock in the morning-supper at two o'clock. But as I do not wish to give you such an appetite as reading Sir Walter Scott's novels used to give me. I will not describe the "cena"—supper. The last ball was a fete pandre affair, the ladies in wder, patches, and trains, the gentle ee-breeches, silken hose, high nen in kn heels and diamond buckles. Mesdames Pompadour and DuBarry were there but it was "the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out," for even the most illusionary could not see a Louis XV among all this crowd of messieurs in kingly attrie. The supper was recherche, unique; a whole stag smothered in jellies filled the center of the table, while either end rejoiced in a veritable peacock, with his argus-eyed, fans all spread, poor birds that had been wickdly murdered to grace this fete. But the cotillion favors surpassed all; beautiful fans, gold chains with their hos-tess' monogram on the medallions, and divers other rich gifts. At the closing figure of the quadrille, when a table was placed in the middle of the room with hand-organ upon it, every one was in delicious suspense. What next? resounded in whispers through the room when in came the second son of the Princess Strozzi, disguised as an organ grinder in a charming velvet costum and bearing on his shoulder a dear, dis gusting little pet monkey, dressed in satins and tinsels, holding in his little hand a box containing cards upon which each lady guest's' name had been writ monkey was placed on the Th table, and each courtier in his turn received a card marked "Monkey," and the lucky recipient of the prize favor of the cotillion bore away in triumph this

interesting specimen of our original an-The wife of Count Miraflore cestors. a son of Victor Emanuel, the prettiest woman in Florence, appeared in the most gorgeous costume of pale-blue velvet and white satin. The Marchesa Ginori, wife of the proprietor of the famous Ginori porcelain factory, was dazzling in the most beautiful diamonds to be seen in Italy. Madame Grieswood from such a hazardous enterprise. De wore a superb Worth costume of blue satin, embroidered with silver in arabesque design, pearl necklace, with diamond pendants and tiara of diamonds in her blonde hair.

Fashion Notes. Large bu ore with borderings of gay Turkey red oil co, with palm leaf figures for the collars, cuffs, pockets, and frills where frills are needed.

colored percales, as well as of un-bleached domestics, and decorated as last year with bandanna, Madras, and Scotch gingham handkerchiefs. Plant screens, made of moss and ferns. ivy, and other suitable vines on a lattice

of green wire attached to a long green tin window garden op rollers, are among novelties for house decorations. They are made to fit in fireplaces, or to stand in any part of the room that needs to be screened

The Punishment of Silence.

Mr. James Greenwood has published a frightful account of the silent system, which is in operation at the Holloway nodel prison in London:

It is an offense for a prisoner to speak one word, and he is never addressed ex-cept in whispers, so that he may be in prison two years without hearing the natural sound of the human voice. The effect of this is so terrible on the mind that prisoners will speak out in despera · tion, at the risk of any punishment, rather than endure that horrible silence. The prisoners never see one another, but remain in perpetual solitude. poor wretch driven to desperation by nine months' solitude and silence, recklessly broke out, in Mr. Greenwood's presence, "For God sake, governor, put me in another cell. Put me somewhere I have counted the bricks in the else. cell I am in till my eyes ache."

The request of the tortured wretch was refused. There is a fine hole in each cell, and as the wardens wear shoes of india rubber soles the prisoners can never be

sure of being alone. nave to ascend twelve hundred steps every alternate twenty minutes for six hours. And this is in a place so hot and close that prisoners often lose in perspiration three stone in as many months.

Every day, the prisoners are taken to the chapel so arranged that they can see no one save the chaplain, and him only through an iron grating. And thus is the order of devotion observed. Warfor a single instant they, through the whole of service, depart from the rigid rule of "eyes right." They must look steadily at the preacher; must raise and lower their prayer book with the elbows squared and all at once, like so diers at drill. They may not scrape their feet without having afterward to explain the movement. They scarcely wink an eye or sigh without danger of rebuke or punishment. God help them, poo wretches.

A Generous Reward.

In one of the hotly-contested fights in Virginia, during the war, a Federal officer fell in front of the Confederate works. While lying there, wounded, and crying for water, a Confederate soldier (James Moore, of Burke county, N. C.,) declared his intention of supply. ing him with a drink. The bullets were flying thick on both sides, and Moore's friends endeavored to dissuade him spite remonstrances and danger, how, ever. Moore leaped the breastworks canteen in hand, reached his wounded enemy, and gave him drink. The Fed-

eral, under a sense of gratitude for the timely service, took out his gold watch and offered it to his benefactor, but it was refused. The officer then asked the

"cup of cold water," announcing that he had settled on him the sum of \$10,-

ments of \$2,500 each. Investigation has established the fact that there is no

mistake or deception in the matter.-

The Hero a Bull-Fighter is in Spain.

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button their shirt-collars, and rows of

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Spanish ladies of rank are not ashamed to write love letters to espadas. The

the state of his health, and he must be

a careless dog if he is not able to retire

Paris has 602 painters in oil, 193 min-

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Speaking of the fete held in Paris for

Baptist Weekly.

What To Do in Case of Fire.

The loose garments worn by women and children expose them to especial danger from fire. If the fire starts from Handkerchief dresses will be made the bottom of the dress, the natural upthis season of dark, blue and other solid ward tendency of the flame soon envelops the whole person, unless by self-control and presence of mind the necessary care be taken by the sufferer, or some one near, without a moment's hesitation. To obey the first impulse and open the doors and rush out, is sure destruction. The only safety is to fall down instantly on the floor, and roll over on to the fire, snatching a woolen shawl or rug, if near, to wrap round the body. One is comparatively safe by rolling over and over, for the flames will not rise to the face, and the lungs and breathing will be less likely to be injured. Those who may be in the room, or may come in, have their work plainly before Keep doors and windows closed; snatch the first woolen'thing to be found -a table cove: -without thinking of the works of art on it. Pull it off! Who cares where the bric-a-brac rolls to? It woolen shawl from a chair, a curtain or a rug, anything but that one human

form is valueless. Wrap the sufferer instantly into something that is woolenthe coat from your back, if nothing else offers-and thus closely wrapped roll her on the floor in the folds. Scores of lives have been saved in this way, scores lost for want of such immediate action. In case the house is on fire there should be one "captain," if possible, who can lead the less self-possessed out of the burning building. Every door, window or aperture through' which air can find entrance should be closely shut, except during egress. There are always eight or ten inches of pure air clo floor, and if one cannot walk erect through the smoke, he should, as soon as enveloped in some woolen article, drop Those condemned to the treadmill on the floor on the hands and knees and crawl out. A silk handkerchief, or piece of flannel or woolen stocking, we

and put over the face, will enable one to breathe in dense smcke.-Mrs. H. W Beecher.

An Odd Character at Washington.

A character who up to a few months ago was a daily visitor to the Capito says the Washington Star, was Colone is the order of devotion observed. War-dens are constantly on the watch, lest grievance. He seems to be haunted with the phantom of Colonel Tom Scott, the railroad king. He declares that Colonel Scott years ago robbed him in a railroad transaction, stole his money and reduced him to penury. He carries with him usually a tin case about two feet long and six inches in diameter, in which is a drawing o some kind. One day last summer when the House was engaged in an exciting political debate, Pinchover came to the Capitol with a woolen shirt saturated with blood, and which he declared was the shirt worn by him when he was a saulted by Tom Scott on the plains of Colorado. Pinchover also has a claim All that he has ever yet succeeded in

explaining is that it is for a million tollars, and is connected with a mine o dollars, and is connected with a mine of some kind, which Scott robbed him of. At times he is dangerous. Journal Clerk Smith on one occasion filled the tin case he carries with mucilage. When Pinchover discovered it he be came ungovernable, and would have done Smith bodily injury had he not fled incontinently out of range

The length of the actual St. Gothard tunnel is nine miles and three and seventy-seven yards, while that of the Mount Cenis is rather more than mile and a half less. The rate at which name of the man who had braved such the rock was bored between Modan danger to succor him. The name was given, and Moore returned to his posiand Bardoneche amazed mechanician a dozen years since. But the daily pro gress made under the St. Gothard ha tion behind the embankment. They saw nothing more of each other. Moore been more than double. The contractor was subsequently wounded, and lost a agreed that the work should be finished limb in one of the engagements in Virwithin eight years. The actual time has been seven months less than the ginia, and returned to his home in Burke county. A few days ago he restipulated term. ceived a communication from the Fed-eral soldier to whom he had given the

What is a Grain of Wheat? People handle a large amount of wheat, and yet very few know what it

IN POWDER FORM eally is, and no doubt will be surprised when we tell them that it is a little sack which has many coatings. The outside one is mineral, principally, besides 50 CTS. A PACKAGE. which it has a glutinous covering Dr.W. ROSS WRITES which contains nitrogen. Again, then are very minute compartments, which

contain starch. At the end is a little germ, which is double, one part of which HREUMENTER, reserved to the server of the se is called the radicle; this is the future root of the plant; the other is called the plumula and is the future stem of the plant. In this is contained the future

ear of the grain, although the future stem is only made visible by the aid of a most powerful microscope. Then, by the aid of heat and moisture, the starch Then, by by the active agency of a very small amount of substance known as diastase, which is very similar in character to yeast, starts a process of fermentation, which converts the starch into sugar, and this is food for the small root till it becomes large enough to extract nour-Cured Scrofula. is a human life in danger. Or snatch a shment from the soil. In the mean time, the plumuta, or future stem, is pushing its way through the outer c v-ering, and from that through the soil to daylight, when it begins to extract carbonic acid from the atmosphere, and perhaps nitrogen. The grain of wheat is very small, but on that little seed vol umes might be written, and generations will come and go before the last sen-tence could be completed. — American Cultivator

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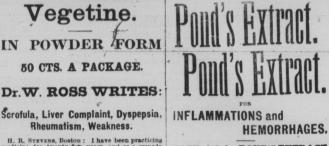
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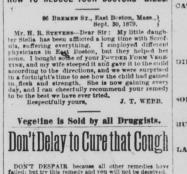
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respondent of the London Truth writes: Of all the innumerable lions at the Jet fringes and passementeries and the new "blackberry" buttons are used on the richer black summer toilets. Hippodrome, the espadas, or profes Satin finished foulards in illuminated designs are combined with other foulards in solid colors of various shades.

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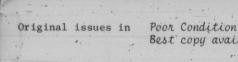
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