It costs Illinois \$2,000,000 annually to punish criminals.

A Philadelphia woman has sued her heartless husband for divorce because he has forbidden her to eat pie.

Out of 451 colleges and universities in the United States, only forty-one are closed to women. All the others are now co-educational. And, besides. woman have 143 schools of the higher education, with 30,000 students.

An interesting series of experiments in the cultivation of the olive tree has been lately in progress in India. Attention being called to the immense growth of wild olives in the hills below Murri, a large number of the best trees have been imported from Italy for the purpose of making "grafts" upon the wild varieties which, in their present condition, are quite unpro

For the first time in many years England produced in 1896 more pig iron than the United States. Germany, too, had a big increase in pig iron production. The figures in tons for the last five years are as follows:

1892.... ..9,157,000 6,016,819 ..7,124,392 6,829,841 ..6,057,388 7,364,745 ..9,446,390 7,895,675 ..8,623,157 8,750,000 4,936,030 5,559,322 5,788,798 6,460,000

The greatest fluctuation in produc-tion has occurred in the United States, dropping near thirty per cent. from 1892 to 1894 and then recovering to the high water mark in 1895. The production in Germany has shown the steadiest growth.

As compared with our own progress in naval construction, the activity of England in the same direction is alest startling, declares the New York Mail and Express. The British navy will be increased during the present year by the addition of sixty-six new ships, and forty-two others will be well advanced toward completion. This enormous expansion of her sea power is England's answer to the vast under-takings of Germany and Russia, and it means that Great Britain keenly realizes what scientists and experts are universally declaring, namely, that the next great war between first class nations will be determined by their fleets rather than by their battalions.

People who indulge in all sorts of superstitions about the number thir-teen may be interested to learn that Dr. Nansen, the distinguished explorer, not content with being born on the thirteenth of the month, went off on his last expedition with a com-pany of thirteen, all of whom re-turned safely. The Fram got clear of the ice on the thirteenth of the or the ice on the thirteenth of the month, on the same day on which Nansen arrived at Tromsoe, and to crown all, he was entertained by the Royal Scottish Geographical Society on the occasion of its thirteenth anniversary, held on Februry 13. After all this, the number thirteen should be reinstated in the good graces of the most superstitious.

It is said that one of the candidate for the mayoralty of the city of Toledo, Ohio, S. M. Jones, is a remarkable man. Politically he is very much like Hazen S. Pingree, but has more of the spirit of Mazzini and of the Chris-tian Socialists then the well-known Mayor of Detroit and Governor of It is said in the New York Independent that he is one of the few men in the oil business who have eluded the Standard Oil Monopoly, and at the same time managed to make a good deal of money; in fact, by an invention which made him independeat, he has been fortunate enough to set up a little monopoly of his own. In his factory the only rule for the an instactory the only rule for the guidance of his employes is the Golden Rule, which he has posted up, and which, moreover, he lives up to himself. He is accustomed to pay all his men more than the market rate of wages, and does all sorts of extra things for them, taking them on excursions on holidays and giving them social pleasures of various kinds. Once he was visited by the lenders of the local union in the trade pursued by his workers, and having his attention called to the fact that none of his men had joined the union, he at once scribed for as many copies of the trades union paper as he had men, and had a copy handed to each one every week with his pay. Mr. Jones has been deeply affected by the writings of Ruskin and Mazzini and their American sympathizers, and is possessed with the idea that those who believe these doctrines and preach In fact, he is a "dangerous them. man in the best sense of the word," and if he receives the election some very interesting results may be expected to follow

CROSS AND CROWN

Life is a burden—bear it:

Life is a duty—dare it; Life is a thorn-crown Chough it break your heart in twain:
Though the burden crush you down;
lose your lips, and hide your pain,
First the cross, and then the crown.
—Rev. A. J. Ryan.

INTERRUPTED FRIENDSHIP.



question. Meanwhile, promise me, dear, you will try not only to hear prociate my love, but to give me some in return, if ever so little. I can wait. I can bide my time in patience. You must see that the boy-and-girl affection, good of its kind, could not last, yet makes secure foundation for this stronger, true love. Only try to love me, my Marcia. Give me—give yourself—time. Only three little months. Meanwhile no word, no look shall annoy you. My love shall still masquerade in friendship's gnise." Marcia demurred. "For old sake's sake, dear," he pieded, and Marcia hostiated, then yielded.

"Three months, then," she said. Even had he so desired, Tom would have found little opportunity during the ensuing week to press his suit. Three were many to claim her as partner in the rides, drives, dances and poince which made Orville gay in the summer season. Sh did not avoid im, but she let herself be so monopolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glances that he was piqued and felt a small desire to try to pique her in return. The oppolized by others and was so serenely indifferent to his tender glanc

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THE PATHENDER'S WIDOW.

Mrs. Jossie Fremont, Tom Benton's
daughter and John C. Fremont's
widow, is one of the notable residents
of Los Angeles, Cal. She is now seventythree years old, and according to a
recent writer, "as sweet and noble a
woman as ever lived."—New England
Hymestead.

which stand out from all the details of dress are the elegance of fabric and the daring combinations of rich and beautiful trimmings. Something seems to have been borrowed from almost every country and every century. One of the special features of the season's modes is the use of velvet for entire gowns, wraps, waists, bolero jackets, bodice trimmings, and countless modes of combination that make it so popu-lar.—Home Queen.

DOCTRESSES OVERSEA.

Angelica and Alexandra Pangiotas, two maidens of Athens, are the first Greek doctresses, who recently graduated at the Berlin University, with the rarely bestowed predicate of summan and the same and the chairman of the examining board of the medical faculty, they received their degree and diploma in full form and with much applauded laudations.

Among the latest medical associations in Switzerland, and probably the dirst of the kind in Europe, is an association of Swiss Doctresses, founded last month. It started with twelve members, about one-third of the number of female physicians settled in the Alpine republic.

WIFE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

A most fascinating woman is Mrs. Hobart, wife of the new Vice-President. She is graciousness itself to all sorts and conditions of people, her very smile insures a cordial reception, and her manner is thoroughly unaffected. She is one of the handsomest women among the ladies of the new official family. She has one son, having unfortunately lost her only daughter some two years ago. On the evening of the inaugural ball this son, Garret Hobart, Jr., a handsome little chap about ten years old, held his mother's train as she and the Vice-President followed the lead of President and Mrs. McKinley through the ballroom. His face was a study of childish pride and delight, although when his mother proposed his acting as her page, he frowned with manly gravity, and said: "Well, I don't know about it; it seems rather conspicuous, and I don't like the idea, anyway, of having my mamma march in a procession." The masculine instinct which leads almost every man to consider his woman relatives too sacred for public exhibition was appermost at that moment.—Harper's Bazar. WIFE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

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Only two Englishwomen in every hundred now wear earrings.

Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, a lawyer of Dover, N. H., announced herself as a candidate for the office of United States Minister to Columbia.

Carlotte Marin

Carlotta, Maximillian of Mexico's widow, whose physical health during her long insanity has been good, is said to be now rapidly declining.

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Lady Tryon has assisted Rear Admiral Fitzgerald in writing the biography of the late Admiral Tryon, whose naval career began in 1848 on board the Wellesley.

Miss Mina Zaigler, of Dresden, Onio, has just been admitted to membership in the Philadelphia Horological Society, an honor of which no other woman can boast.

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has appointed the wife of ex-Governor John P. St. John, the Prohibitionist, to a place on the Board of Regents of the State's Agricultural College.

The Frincess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, objects to her portraits being sold or reproduced. A beautiful photograph of her was peremptorily withdrawn from circulation some years ago.

Mrs. Daniel Howard, of Jefferson-ville, Ind., had her home connected by telephone with the Presbyterian Church, being at times prevented by illness from attending the service. The experiment was successful.

upon their sisters by opening another foreign university to them. They have recently received the degree of Ph. D., each magnum enm laude, from the University of Heidelberg.

"Where God leads the way, He has bound Himself to help you go the way," wrote Florence Nightingale in reference to the work of women. She would have her sisters feel that any work given them to do, vocation or avocation, is work confided to their trust. Viewing it in this light prevents overtaxing, discouragement, presumption or idleness.

Among the orders which are given to women, there is none more handsome than the Austrian Order of Merit, which has just been presented by Emperor Francis Joseph to "Carmen Sylva," the Queen of Roumania. The decoration consists of a miniature portrait of the Emperor, surrounded with a wreath of diamonds, other costly jowels being also used.

The eldest daughter of Lord Brassey is making herself widely known through the rural districts of England by establishing resident trained nurseing associations. The plan advocated is for a certain number of parishes adjacent to each other to combine in order to provide resident trained nurses used to country life, whose services shall be available when required in serious and urgent cases.

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Mrs. Hobbs, an intimate friend of the first Duke of Wellington, has just died in Ireland at the age of 103 years. Her husband was badly wounded at Quatre Bras. Five of her fourteen children and six of her forty-tour grandchildren are serving in the British army, and she has besides thirty-two great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. On her 100th birthday the Duke of Cambridge congratulated her in behalf of the army. the army.

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Out of 450 college women recently interrogated, 169 are teachers, 47 librarians, 22 nurses, 19 journalists and 19 clerks, while the remainder are distributed around in various unclassified positions. The majority of a given number of women, asked in regard to the matter, said they received less pay than men for the same kind less pay than men for the same kind of work. A small number were found who get the same pay, and a very tiny fraction of a number re eived more money than men in sim ilar positions.

FASHION NOTES.

A jacket for a theatre wrap is of brocaded gray silk, with cuffs and an odd collar of black with an edging of silver cord and rhinestone ombroidery.

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A new cycling skirt has two straight plaits in the back which are made separate and partially detached, so that they fall gracefully on either side of the wheel, and beneath this is a regular skirt at the back which completes it for a walking skirt as well.

The handsome and graceful baskets that may have been received, filled with bonbons as gifts, may be converted into beautiful flower holders by lining the empty basket with a fitted piece of waterproof cloth on a thin painted cloth and sewing it closely around the edge of the basket. Fill it with wet sand and stick the sand full of blossoms.

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Spring jackets are as varied as the wraps, and come in three different lengths, with both high and low collars, so it is impossible to decide yet which will be the leading style. They are made of ladies' cloth, serge and melton, in both dark and light shades, and the pale tint of yellow eern lined with some delicate shade of satin is considered very elegant.

The Russian style of cont has a place on the list, and the French jackets display quite a little decoration besides buttons and stitching. An example of this is in black cloth, and it fastens on the left side with two large steel buttons. It is lined with pink silk. The collar and cresent-shaped rever are covered with the same color and finished on the edge with a narnow band of black velvet and a two inchinseration of yellow Venetian point above.

Among the floral decorations at a recent English wedding, instead of a marriage bell a number of smaller bells of various sizes were hung together. The bells were made of white blosoms with a small orange suspended by a white satin ribbon for the clapper. These bells were hung from an arch made of green foliage plants. A flight of white birds was another new feature among the decorations. Many of the brds were suspended by invisible wires, and one or two of them were resting upon upon the mounds were resting upon upon the mounds of flowers or the handles of ribbon-trimmed baskets of blossoms.

One of the newest tailor-made cos-One of the newest tailor-made cos-tumes has princess sides and back, with vest fronts in well defined points over a full-length front of a contrasting fabric. For example: A seal brown cloth is made up with the sides, back, slewe-caus and a college of the brown illness from attending the service.
The experiment was successful.
A home where all unfortunate can find help has been established at the east end of London by the Duchess of Newcastle. This is called St. Gertrude's Home. The Duchess has taken up her dwelling in this quarter, that she may devote her life to the needy.
Two American women, Miss Alies
Luce, of Maine, and Miss Ida J. Hyde, of Chicago, hale conferred a benefit

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

TRIMMING APPLE TREES

Apple trees may be pruned or trimmed at any time between the falling of the leaves and the starting of the buds. February or March are the favored months with most fruit growers. Trees that have been properly cared for when young do not require very much trimming afterwards, the main point being to keep the centre of the trees open, so as to admit freely light and air.—New England Homestead.

MIXING MANURES WITH MUCK.

Muck, by which in this country is generally meant vegetable-mold, is too poor in fertility to warrant carrying far or much handling. As for mixing it with stable manures, we would not advise such a practice, as the manure without the muck is none too efficient. There is one partial exception to this rule. When a heap of manure is fermenting it saves the waste of ammonia to throw over the pile a small quantity of vegetable mould, and this when the heap is turned must be mixed with the stable manure.

WELLS IN BARN BASEMENTS

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Every basement barn built for housing stock should have a well under it. In this way water of proper warmth can be always secured for cattle, and a tub or kettle kept full all the time will add greatly to their comfort. It is well for all stock to run out of doors in cold weather for awhile each day, but the animals ought never to be forced to drink water nearly or quite down to the freezing temperature. We have scores of times seen cows turn away from the water under a hole in the ice because they were so chilled that further drinking of icy water was impossible. Much of the lack of thrift of cattle in winter is due to drinking ice cold winter is due to drinking ice cold water, and will be remedied by having a supply of water from a well in the barn basement.—Boston Cultivator.

POULTRY DISEASES.

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Most of the diseases that afflict poultry are the effects of unsunitary surroundings, and due entirely to the araclessness or indifference of keepers. Naturally poultry is not sickly, and if given proper care will keep in good health without being dosed with any darges or naturns of any kind.

health without being dosed with any drugs or nestrums of any kind. The writer has had a good many years of experience in poultry keeping, and in all that time has never found it necessary to give any great amount of medicine to his flocks. Pure feed, pure water, comfortable quarters and cleanliness in all the surroundings of the flock will insure its health and thrift. The poultry keeper who has 'bad luck' with his flock and finds it awindling away from the effect of disease is nine times out of ten receiving the just penalty for some of his sins of omission.—The Silver Knight.

UNHEALTHFUL FOOD.

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Farmers do not seem to be aware of the double loss sustained through the grinding of cobs by millers, says A. P. Steele, of Fennsylvania. Corn is taken to the mill at the rate of seventy pounds to the bushel. Fourteen pounds are deducted for cobs and are not paid for, but the miller grinds these with oat hulls, making No. 3 chop, which sells at \$12 to \$14 per ton, thus giving the miller a clear profit. This cheap chop is unhealthful and its sale should not be allowed. A friend of mine recently lost two shoats and was unable to assign a cause. He called a veterinary surgeon, who found called a veterinary surgeon, who found that death had resulted from clogging that death had resulted from clogging of the intestines with this cheap chop. The man had paid \$7 for a half ton of chop and had lost \$50 from its use. The manufacture and sale of it should be stopped and then there would be an increased demand for rye, oats and corn. State Grange Master Leonard Rhone is investigating the matter. Why shouldn't we have pure food laws for the animals as well as for human beings?—American Agriculturist.

To Preserve Flowers' Colors.

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The natural colors of flowers may be preserved with almost their original brilliancy after being dried very thoroughly in sand. The Gardners' Monthly, which suggests this simple process for manufacturing artificial flowers, states that the most delicate flowers can be made in this way () look for several years as though they had been freshly gathered. The flower should be placed in a pan or other dish and covered with perfectly clean, dry sand. This should be sifted over the flower so as not to break or bruise the petals. Every chink and cranny should be filled without disturbing the matural position of the leaves. When natural position of the leaves. When the pan is full and every crevice has been filled solidly the flowers are allowed to dry for several days. It is often effective to warm the sand and keep the buried flower in a warm oven. The sand should not be re-moved, great care being taken not to break or tear the leaves, which will be very brittle.

The Effect Spoiled.

Senator Voorhees once had succeeded senator voornees once had succeeded in delivering an appeal which had brought tears to the eyes of several jurymen. Then arose the prosecuting attorney, a gunf old man, with a pip-ing voice and nasal twang. "Gentleattoney, a gruff old man, with a pipning voice and nasal twang. "Gentlemen," said ho, deliberately, "you
might as well understand from the
beginning that I am not boring for
water." This proved so effectual a
wet blanket to the emotions excited
by Mr. Voorhees that he realized the
futility of his own "boring."—Argonaut.

Fishers vs. Farmers.

An acre of good fishing ground in the sea will yield more food in a week than an acre of the best land will do in a year.—Philadelphia Press.