

Half the cost of a new Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital, opened a few days ago by Lady Musgrave at East Grinstead, has been defrayed by Mr. Abe Bailey, who has given £1,000 in memory of his wife.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Countess of Dudley, who have personally inspected several of the Dublin Hospitals, last week visited the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and also the Adelaide Hospital, Peter Street. Their Excellencies were received by the governors and medical staff of each hospital and shown over the institutions.

Reports of the superintendents of various insane hospitals in the Southern States would indicate that mental diseases among negroes are constantly increasing. In the District of Columbia there are about 400 insane negroes in a population of 90,000, and about 600 white insane in 185,000 population, indicating a larger percentage of insanity among negroes than among whites. The statement is made that there was comparatively little insanity among negroes before the war, but since then there has been a steady increase. Various explanations are given for this fact, but it is generally held that the greater dissipation, irregular life, greater privations, increased responsibilities, and the nervous strain induced by competition are responsible.

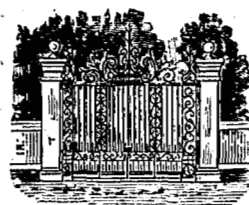
New Inventions, Preparations, &c.

FERROLEUM.

This is a very valuable new preparation. It is a perfect emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil, Iron, and Phosphorus. We have submitted it to hospital physicians, and they inform us that it is, in their opinion, a valuable preparation, and one which only requires to be better known to be largely employed. There are a large number of patients who are unable to take or digest even the best cod-liver oil, but who can readily, and without distaste, take and assimilate a well-made emulsion; and there are other patients who cannot take iron, however badly their system may be demanding it, because the ordinary forms of the metal are either too astringent or not sufficiently assimilable for their case. From a theoretical point of view, therefore, it is considered that this combination of these two invaluable drugs will prove to be of the greatest usefulness. In practice we are informed that in cases in which the physicians to whom we refer have already tried the remedy, they have found it well taken and digested even by patients who were unable to take ordinary cod-liver oil at all; and that in every case under the treatment definite improvement took place in the patient's condition. The preparation, therefore, is one with which nurses will probably become better acquainted as it becomes better known; and we recommend them to take particular notice of, and carefully report its effects, to the doctor in all cases for whom it has been prescribed.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Legislative Council of New South Wales, after a curious struggle within itself, has subordinated the convictions of the majority of its members in order to endorse the Female Suffrage Bill of Sir John See. New South Wales has taken the leap, and is now abreast of South and Western Australia in the adoption of the widest franchise. Victoria still stands shivering on the brink.

The Reform Bill, carried through its second reading recently in Melbourne, provides among other things for votes being given to women, and it is quite possible that the Legislative Council in that State may prefer to include this among the concessions that will be made in order to escape some of the more unpalatable portions of that measure.

We learn that there is no immediate prospect of the introduction of the female voter either in Tasmania or in Queensland. Nevertheless, now that the women have everywhere the right to cast their ballots for the Federal Parliament, and for the Legislative Council in half the Australian States, their complete conquest of the whole electoral area cannot be long delayed.

Mrs. Alec Tweedie's memoir of her father, "George Harley, F.R.S.; or, the Life of a London Physician," is just being brought out in a cheaper edition. It gives many interesting stories of the Crimea, Napoleon III. and the *coup d'état*, and student life in Paris and Germany, to say nothing of the scientific side of his interesting career, and the delightful people he met in London, where he practised as a physician for forty years.

"Mexico as I Saw It," by the same author, which only came out last Christmas, is in a second edition, and if General Diaz comes to England this autumn—as is expected—readers will find the most complete account ever written of that wonderful man within its pages.

The German Women's League has concluded its annual conference at Wiesbaden. The final discussions were occupied with questions affecting Government supervision and regulation of vice, and protests were made against the frequent recurrence of cases in which respectable women are wrongfully arrested by the police.

Five hundred and two patents have been taken out by women in Germany since 1877.

The death of Mrs. Cady Stanton in New York at the age of eighty-seven removes one whose name must always be held in honour as a pioneer in movements affecting the welfare of women. Sixty-two years ago (in 1840) she made her first appearance in this country at the World's Anti-Slavery Convention in the Freemasons' Hall, to which she came with her husband, an eloquent anti-slavery lecturer. So opposed was

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)