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1. At Jilava prison, where prisoners are held up to nine months before trial, the ordinary prison fare is sauerkraut and dry bread. Thirty prisoners are held in a single unventilated cell under bright electric lights at all times. The toilet consists of a barrel which is emptied once very twenty-four hours.
2. At the Pitesti prison only six prisoners are confined to one cell. These prisoners are not allowed to see members of their families for one year after arrival. Intellectuals among the prisoners are not permitted any reading matter. They were previously given Marxist works to read, but frequently they destroyed or mutilated the volumes. Prisoners are permitted only ten minutes exercise weekly. The director of the prison often tours the prison while drunk, inflicting punishment on the prisoners.
3. One prisoner at an unidentified prison was confined to the "black cell" for two days because he obtained and used soap and toothpaste, the use of which had been forbidden.

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