LADIES COLUMN.

APRIL DAY.

Ho wlike our lives is April's day. Alternate smiles and tears; Sad and joyful, dark and bright, Hope merged in trembling fears.

When fortune smiles and friends are

The way seems paved with flowers: And April scurcely sheds a tear From dawn to twilight hours.

But when our purposes are crossed We hardly lift our eyes, When April's day, with gentle rain, Bids steeping Spring arise.

While hid behind the lowering clouds The sunshine goes astray,

Till bursting fort hfrom sombre skies It glorifies the way, And turns to pearls the tears that dim

Our lives an April's day. -Carrie Merton.

WASHING MADE EASY.

"Oh, denri" sighed Mrs. Grayson, as she paused and rested both hands on the washboard, as if utterly discouraged

"What's the matter now?" asked her sister Alice, who was busy making the Blarch

"Matter enough, I should say! Just see, it is only ten o'clock, and Mrs. floor, tables, etc. Baxter, our neighbor, has her washing all out on the line, while here I am,

of day' and in that was gets the start of us 'six o'clock risers," remarked til the strength is exhausted, using hot would the Xrays reveal." Of course I unjustly and unable to understand why in any way, Alice, pleasantly.

led Alice. "I have no doubt but that three or four hours' boiling is sufficient; she pitles you every week, and would test it by cooling a little in a saucer. be glad to tell you her wal, that cer- When done leave in the kettle until tainly must be superior to ours. If you the next morning, then skim the grease will change your dress, and go over off for the next kettle of soap; dip the to Mrs. Baxter's now, I will finish the soap off into jars or a wooden keg.

cambric, and with pencil and paper the consistency of strained honey. tucked in her pocket, in case of need. The following is a tested recipe which coney home.

bot think of anything but "that wash- ash or concentrated lye. Take nine beg." and impulsively began:

as fresh as if you had not had a finger ing point in an iron kettle, turn into a In a washtub this morning, and I know keet or earthen vessel to settle over you did that beautiful washing all night, carefully pouring the liquid from bulletin is freely illustrated with halflearn if it is some magic you possess. liquid and add nine pounds of clean irretiveness and usefulness. We learn or a superior way you have. I am grease; boil until about the consistency that it will not be distributed generally cornel toly discouraged every wash day lof hot jelly. when I see your clothes swinging in rain water. the breeze two hours earlier than mine.

"I am very sorry if I have been the means of making you in the least discouraged, out it isn't on account of any I have a 'superior way,' and I know that I have a superior washing fluid. And

Grop with fatigue?" asked the eager and fancy cheviots. listener.

"I rub some to be sure but nothing compared to the old way. When I first commenced to use the fluid. I wanted everyone else to use it too, and I made business of telling all my friends, but so many thought that nothing and numerous other a ticles. would take the place of 'elbow grease.' and did not thank me for my information or even try it, that I made un my mind to keep mum, unless questioned But I will most gladly tell you how to make the fluid, and my way of using

Mrs. Grayson produced paper and pencil, and her informant gave her the recipe for washing fluid as fol-

Four pounds of sal soda, two pounds of unslacked lime, one-half pound of bornx and twenty quarts of soft water. Put part of the water in a copper or brees kettle, put in the other ingrediouts, and let boil twenty minutes, stiring occasionally. If your kettle is not arge enough to hold the remiander of the water, pour all into a small washsub, stir well, and then let it settle This will make enough to last a year The rettlings need not be thrown away. es it is splendid for scouring floors and

"Now, I will tell you the way I ase it in washing. Soak the white Nothes over night, in clear warm water. That is the reason why I wash on Tuesday, for I do not like to put them cosking Sunday evening. In the morning wring them out, soap wristbands, sellars, and dirty and stained places. Fill the boiler half full of soft water. nightly through one suds only, then A cap, frill or deep collar or some other

and let boil twenty minutes, boiling in FARM NEWS NOTES. the same water throughout the entire

"You can wash your calicoes in the ing; the boiling, sudsing and rinsing bottled and packed in crates. should follow each other in rapid succession.

line at 'ten' next Tuesday!" rep.led Mrs Grayson, as she departed.

MAKING SOFT SOAP

There are so many uses for soft soap making it, even if it it not the cheap- pretty tight grip on the industry. est soap "in the long run." The good A practical creamery butter maker kept him from expressing his belief in man prefers lye son pto all others, for tells how he prevents mold as follows: plain words when the occasion arose. for washing gall, cuts and bruises on tubs are to be used he immerses them farm animals. Indoors, it is the very in scalding water for half an hour. The gradation, Gambler gave an excellent best cleansing agent for unpainted water enters the pores of the wood and description of the dramatic ceremowoodwork, for scouring the kitchen kills the mold germs. He then sprin- nies and spoke of the harrowing strug-

likely to rub for another good hour; holes bored in the bottom. Have it three minutes, and then fills it with lished. The following extract from it and, even with your help, the clothes placed in a slanting position and rest- rold water until ready to pack. The is intensely interesting: will not be out much before noon. It ing on a wide board in which there is tub thus becomes perfectly water-tight just makes me discouraged, and 1 a channel cut for the lye to run off and is dry and clean when it reaches be did through that awful ordeal. His would like to know how she manages." into a kettle. Soak the ashes at first the market, and will not mold. "Perhaps she gets up at the 'peep by pouring on a little hot water at a Sam has a new conundrum, he says time, and then a gallon every hour un- "If a goat should swallow a rabbit what genuine despair of a man condemned water during the entire leaching. When had to give it up, and I was informed "No: I do not think she gets up much enough is run off to fill the kettle to that they would "expose the hare in hear him. earlier than we do. I wish I knew her within eight inches of the top, put in the butter." secret," and with another sigh, Mrs. the soap-grease at the ratio of one Grayson resumed her tiresome rubbing, gallon of grease to eight gallons of Why don't you ask her, then?" quer- lye; boil slowly; do not stir; generally

washing. I want you to go while you Sometimes after the usual amount of are tired, and your back aches; for if boiling the lye and grease will not mix you wait till you get rested, you will and form soap, the most probable cause put it off. I am personally interested, is the lye is too weak. Drop in a you know. Now, off with you to learn lump of stone lime-about two pounds of lime to each gallon of the boiling After some objections, that were liquid-test again. If the soap does everruled by her sister, Mrs. Grayson not come after boiling a few minutes. left her tiresome work, donned a fresh add soft water until the compound is

she crossed the lawn to her neighbor's is good for those wanting to make soft soap, and who use coal for fuel and Mrs. Baxter greeted her cordially and consequently have no hardwood ashes. favired her into the sitting room, where Soap made after this recipe is better was sewing. Mrs. Grayson could than any that can be made from putrounds of sal suda and four and one-"Mrs. Baxter, you are a perfect won- bulf pounds of unstaked lime, and eight of the best plum growers of the state der to me. Here you are sewing, looking gallons of rain water. Heat to the best, logether with descriptive notes of vanione. I am here now expressly to the sediment next morning. Heat the "one cuts, which add much to its at-

SOME FASHION NOTES

The rare for black materials will be magic.' I assure you," laughingly re- as great if not greater than existed the a blessing, because but for them piled Mrs. Bayter: "but I do think that last season, and the black and white combination will also be ween This combination is seen in silk and wool mixtures, and handsome silks and satins. The fashionable fabrics in black "And you don't have to rub until and colors are the camel's hair, whipyour back aches and you are ready to cords, creped materials, Venetian cloth,

> Nearly every description of fabrics both thin and heavy, will be kilted or accordion-plaited, as both of these styles are in great favor, and as for the accordion-plaiting we will see it on hats, capes, parasols, collarettes, fichus

The small silk capes that are displayed in the stores now with accordionplaitings and ruffles of chiffon, mousseline de soie and Liberty silk, with bow and long ends in front, are very pretty. One that was especially pretty was a light gray silk with accordion-plaited ruffles of gray mousseline de soie. The bottom of the cape was cut in scallops and trimmed with many rows of fine ruching, and then the plaited ruffles with an immense bow in front and long ends extending below the waist. These capes do not reach quite to the waist and are cut rounding or in points on the front. They are very stylish looking little affairs, and the all-black ones are very pretty.

Tucks are as much the rage as ever and skirts.

The white shirt waist for the summe of 1900 is far ahead of any we have seen before; they are made of the handsome all-over embroideries, pique, batiste, lawn with tucks and insertion-and all the newest shirt walsts are made with- some, medium with others, and where out vokes. Very pretty are the black sertion, and the white plane with small cated with clover that it is compara polka dots in white and colors.

Sleeves this season are made to fit the arm almost tight, some of them shave one-half cake of soap fine, and hooking at the wrist. The tight slooves add; then put in one tencupful of the are no thecoming to all women, though Terminate. Subsequently it is thrown field, and the clothes last. The first there are some we must admit who up next to the surface where these eleerful I only let it come to a boil, for certainly do look very pretty; but the they are generally not very much soil- majority of women need a little fullness Take them out with as little water on the upper part of the sleeve, and possible, add cold water, and rub especially those with sloping shoulders. decoration will in a way cover up this For each additional boller of defect and give a little oreadth to the as dark shades of blue and gray is the began a hunt for a case similar to elst, is about to open a bookshop in se-half cupful of the finid shoulders.

DAIRY NOTES.

same water after the white clothes, for A large amount of milk is now being this fluid brightens instead of fading shipped from Great Britain to South the colors. I have used it for ten years Africa for the use of the army. It is The death of Guillaume Gambler re- reading seemed lost and distant. and I am sure it does not rot the cloth- collected and cooled and then sterilized cives interest in what was perhaps the and in the open air the voice that was

I consider very good. It is one ounce of able as investments. The feeds principlest and earnest soulpulverized Prussian blue, one-half pally used by the dairymen are natural It was he who broke over his knee ounce of exalle acid, one quart of soft gusturage, alfalfa, roots and hay. Lit- the sword of Dreyfus, a part of which at the command of a superior pushed water, mix and bottle for use. Now, tie, if any, grain is fed. The climate is has recently, by a curious chance, me forward towar dthe captain. I beif you will follow my directions, I am so mild and the pasture season is un- found its way to America, and tore gan. I tore the epaulets and flung sure the result will be all that you de- mually long, and in some districts lasts from his uniform all instruit of rank them down at his feet. I tore the the year round. It is expected that it when, in 1895, the unfortunate officer braids from the cap, from the breast, You are exceedingly kind, and I will not be a great while until Cali- was degraded in public. thank you many times for your help. fornia produces a surplus of dairy pro-Now you shall see my washing on the fucts, and steps are now being made believted dragoon, powerful and stern the task easier. o improve the trade with the islands of as the law, looked the very symbol of "The last thing was to pull Dreyfus" he Pacific and with trans-Pacific points justice. with a view of finding an outlet for the surplus that is anticipated.

name of a trust which is now limiting on the farm that the country nousewife production and putting up rices of sait. cannot afford to give up the idea of it is reported to have for the present a

washing the bodies of fruit trees; and in the afternoon of the day before the When leaching your own lye from lows them to stand empty over night, he was ordered to do his part of the hardwood ashes, use a barrel having in the morning he steams each tub work. The letter has lately been pub-

We are informed upon excellent auhority that the plum is the only one of the large or tree fruits whose numbers has not decreased in Town during teason for this. It is because the plum s native to the state, therefore well idapted to the soil and c'imotic condiions. The varieties of cultivated plums have been wonderfully improved and years. This is partly due to nature's beneficent workings and partly to the enlightened efforts of the horticultursts of the state.

We are glad to see by a recent bulle. in, entitled "Plum Growing in Iowa," saund by Prof. John Craig, horticulturist of the lows agricultural experinent station, that an interesting review are been made of the industry. This steadily upon the general. ontains, in addition to a large amount of information upon the various probsufficiently interested to write for a the steamer Ethelwolf, bound for Van- stood instructions. opy, addressing Prof. Craig, Ames, Ia-

A great many people hold that weeds ought to do. It is, however, one of the blessings that "brighten as they take their flight," and every farmer who feels a pride in his culling refoices in nothing more than in a thoroughly clean field. Every farmer should feel that no matter how great the fertility of his land, or how abundant its moisture supply, it has neither fertility nor moisture to divide with the weeds. With the very opening of spring the campaign against them should begin, and one of the aims we should set for ourselves is to make our fields this year cleaner than they were last year. When we have done our best there will still be plenty of weeds for seed in future seasons. So many pastures are overrun with them and so many rented farms are taken by them that there is no danger we shall ever get our fields too clean, or that any of the countless species of weeds will become extinct. all the work for the coming season, improvement, both immediate and permanent, in regard to the weed question is one of the objects we should have in view.

CLOVER. . Many farmers stand in need of edueation along clover lines. A great many of them who feel that they know all about the busines of growing clover and are seen on the new waists, sleeves have many things yet to learn. Some farmers know more than others about the management of clover. Some of them know more and better than they to. They will preach clover and not a sprig of clover can be found on their farms. Mammoth is a favorite with it can be grown crimson clover is the batiste shirt waists with applique in- thing. Much of the soil is so impresstively easy to get good stands of it Clover seed demands light, heat and moisture, and it very often occurs that it is plowed under deeply so it will not ments may be obtained and good stands tre secured. What is necessary in clover culture is to know more than we do tow and to do as well as we know.

> Cheviot in all the pale tints as well popular material for tailor gowns

BROKEN SWORD OF DREYFUS.

most tragic incident of the Dreyfus af-

At that memorable resmont the ereat

The National Salt company is the viction that he was made the instrument for a ghastly mistake.

He firmly believed in the innocence of Dreyfus, and though he was a tacl. I was unbuckling his sword beltturn man and spoke little, no fear ever In a letter which he addressed to his old mother immediately after the de- before the troops and the people, kles them thoroughly with salt and al- gle which took place within him when

"No guilty man would have acted as ever were heave and frank. The agony in his voice, on his face, was the everybody was so fiercely unwilling to

he cried to the yelling, mad multitude: 'I am innocent. I swear before God that I am innocent." He cried that out firmed the first Gambler was much afto them in a descriring appeal, yet dignified-es I would have said it. And his mouth on the subject. they vociferated curses at the poor. A few days ago he died in the mili-

form any conception of the tense exwalls the teeming black crowds, a sea of enraged wild animals. And in the paces before the general, and Dreyfus.

by a Philadelphian recently on board than

two-thirds of her capacity, and she pencil.

eading to the fireroom, breaking his

There was no doctor on board, but

the injured man was made as comfort-

when port was reached a surgeon was

railed on board and the limb was set.

be sent to the English hospital at Can-

ion, but the man begged so hard that

this was not done; and when the ship

salled. Dawson was still in his cot in

the steward's cabin, his injured leg in

All was well for a time, but suddenly

alarming symptoms were exhibited.

The man began to suffer excruciating

Then the limb began to swell, necessi-

tating the removal of the cast. Then

it was found that the leg was mottled

with deep purple spots; and this, to-

mistaken. Congrene had set in, and it

was felt that, under the circumstances,

The officers held a consultation; am-

the knife as give up without a strug-

An assistant engineer, named Carter.

In the Ethelwolf's library was an old

scotch medical work called "Carbin on

Surgery." Carter hunted this up and

Dawson's, but the book, with its tech- the London West End.

volunteered to do the work

death would positively follow.

a plaster cast.

present at the operation.

SURGERY ON THE HIGH SEAS.

steamed for Canton, trusting in the Dawson grew pale as death from loss

season, it being a good one for exports, of blood, but continued to encourage

to fill out her holds. Twelve hours out Carter. As each artery was reached it

from Hong Kong a blow was encoun- was tie dup like the first, but before

tered, and a sudden lurch of the yes. the leg was severed, and at last the

sel threw Andrew Dawson, a stoker, bone was reached. Dawson fainted at

lown the narrow, precipitous iron steps this stage, and when he came to, the

it was at once advised that Dawson seemed weakened, but full of pluck,

pains in the locality of the fracture. perve and vitality as ever came under

gether with the swelling, could not be two two-foot holes in the floor, and an

putation was the only hope, but in the kee. Fred Tiede is still alive. More

be impossible. But Dawson was a man bone, and the doctors say he will be

not only of strong constitution, but of able to go to work in a few days. Tiede

strong character as well; and when the is an engineer at the quarry of the

serious nature of his condition was im- Wauwatora Stone company, west of

parted to him, he pleaded that the op. Milwaukee, and was working in the en-

eration be undertaken by some man of gine room alone. No one witnessed the

steady nerve among the ship's com- awful spectacle. George H. Sylvester.

pany. It was death anyhow, he in- foremen at the quarry, entered the en-

sisted, and he might as well die under gine room, and failing to find Tiede at

sence of a surgeon that was held to than that, he escaped without a broker

their notice.

able as possible by his mates; and patient put back in his cot.

"Suddenly it censed, and the sharp There are about 300 creameries in fair. Gambler was a non-commission, order to do my part of the business California, and they are reported to be ad officer of the French dragoous-a came to me. In one wild whirl my "I also make my own bluing, which generally well managed and are profit- blond, soldierly looking giant; an hon- mind contemplated a lot of desperate things. Do I obey, do I refuse?

"Then the habit of moving forward the siceves. All that had been partially unsewed beforehand to make

sword from the scabbard at his side. Yet in his heart that man was tor- I did that with one sweep of my arm tured by doubt-or rather by the con- and broke the beautiful bright blade on my bent knee. It snapped like glass, and the two pieces fell over all the things I had torn from the uniform. As

"'I am innocent!' cried Dreyfus over my shoulder. He wante dto say more, but the drums rolled and the guards were ordered forward to parade him

"It was only faintly that I heard the great din of execuation that rose from the mob everywhere as he passed. I had withdrawn to my place, and I remember one thought kept coming back to me as in a dream-'What a pity I am a soldier! Why should have fate selected me for this? What a pity it

Despite these unwelcome opinions of the affair, Gambler was such a favorite among his men, comrades and superiors that he never was molested

He followed the Rennes trial with intense interest, fully expecting to see "Mother!" Dreyfus cried, and then his beloved army set right what he believed to have been an awful mistake. When the second verdict confected. He never afterward opened

tary hospital of Luneville, where his regiment had long before been transcitement of it all. The companies with away that powerful and kind giant in shining bayonets were fined up at the the army was soon to expire, and he had decided not to re-enlist.

Of the two broken parts of Dreyfus' immediate open space just the little kept among the celebrated criminal relics in the prefecture of police. The pointed half was picked up from where it had fallen. It was given to the general who had presided at the degradation. The general kept it on his being read, Dreyfus kept his eyes desk as a memento till Mathley Dreystendily upon the general. The very silence of death had sud-denly descended from that wast plaze, on a subject definitely settled.

saw had done its office, and Carter,

faithfully following the chart upon the

wall, was finishing his work. Then the

stump was bound up tightly and the

The loss of blood had been consider

able, but not at all alarming. Dawson

and it was felt that, should blood poi-

bad results followed and the patient

grew in strength rapidly. Upon reach-

ing Vancouver he was taken to a hos-

pital, but the leg was all but healed.

and the doctors pronounced the case

entirely out of danger, and said that it

was as extraordinary an exhibition of

Whisked at lightning street through

naknown number of times around a

nine-foot flywheel, and finally hurled

far end of the engine room in Milwau

his post began an investigation. At the

farther end of the engine room he ro-

ticed the apparently lifeless form of the

engineer, fully twenty-five feet from

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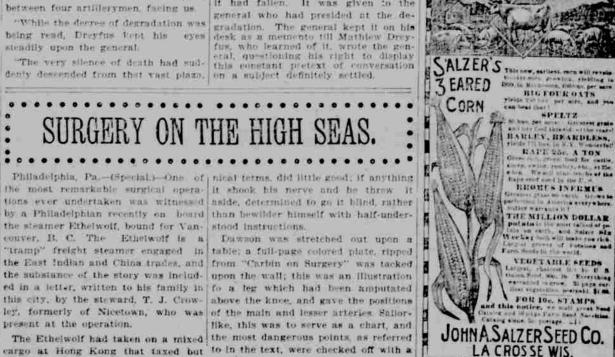
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