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W APRIL MEMORANDAR

- Dep preant month ic oompcied of equal
prether Doeember and Many stitread to. Bether bot not mixed.
einging, crocuses blooming, farmers plowanging, nurserymen digging, and the mercury up to. $45^{\circ}$ and $50^{\circ}$ on Saturday. Ground hard frozen, snow flying, sharp wind blowing, and me
$15^{\circ}$ on Monday.
"Hall, gente spring, ethereal mildness, come!" and they
Left off their overcoate,
Let their fires go down,
Guessed they wouldn't lay in more
coal.
Set their doors and windows open,
Set their doors and window,
Thonght of house cleaning.


## Brong, mended,

 mended,Began
Began makıng garden;
Folks that lay mornin
on Sunday got up sorrowlul and mad. Folks who always "git. in them airly
peas" by the 25 th concluded that "a few peas" by the 25 th concluded that ",
days didn't matter mnch anyway," days didn't matter mnch anyway,
Folks who dug trees so rapidly the week betore
Fo'ks who sniffed at 10 shillings wages on Saturday gratefully went to work on Monday for a dollar.
Only one thing wa
changes of the weatber, the possible condition of the roads. If the deep mud kept the farmers home one wetk, the
rough ruts did as much another. So, whether the sun shone or the snow fell,
the business street was lifeless, and trade was dull, and the clerks grew lastrous in
their pantaloons' breadths by reason of much sitting.
The foregoing re marks relate to the
coming of spring in a country village.
LOOKING ROUND IN THAW-TIME. A spell of warm weather has come, the
thermometer rises toward the sixties, a rain falls, and away goves the white robe
that Mother Earth has worn eo steadily this winter. And what an object she is, tered.looking thing be the trim, grassgreen game that we bade good-by to las
fall ? Squashy, soft to the foot, strewn with sticks and stones, bits of paper, bones, coal-with everything that. by
chance has been thrown or has fallen on the snow. It is well that ber city friend know the dame in her dishabille.
The mild year tempts one to fall to work
nd clear up; but don't do it. Now is the time to spoll lawns and gardens by
tramping over them, and the best thing to do is to wait till the ground settles and ries, meantime keeping off all dogs and
boys. Remember that turf trampled in March will never recover its smoothness, nd garden soil spader whe through. Step bout only enough to reach those vinee and dwarf.trees that require pruning, and esolve that next tim. pruning in the fall.
How about that
How about that new bride walk laid course the drain is still frozen up and the ater courses over the walk and lengthise of it, pouring into the gutter just in jou could have bettered the grade of the all. And if you don't forget it you are going to put some gravel
spots near the kitchen door
If that pruning is in hand, donnot spare the knife on the awarf tree. If in good few inches in length, especially if yon are using the ground for a garden. Keep grapevines are properly trained, spur back last year's wood to one or two buds.
If all in a tangle, you will have to go in a bappy-go-lucky way, altogetber uncertain whether you are right or wrong. A little
thinning out is all currants and gooseberries need, but black and raspberries
must be seeverely dealt with-the canes shortened to three or four feet and
the laterals to. ote form the roses, must also feel the knife sharply summer. Cut back the bous blomen next tree, like the Kilmarnoch willows, to bud or two, but let the lighter one, , like
the weeping cherry, grow at its own will
only cutting off the ent you are a bout it, take a sam simd skip up in the old cherriz-tree. Wbent thooe pronged, crooked branches, ido., are out of parments so extensively in. cherry-time. When the ground in no longer soppy, but springs yuder soot, bripg ont Yoplig stone on the move the cuttaribars, pat
roller, and give the lawn a good roifing,
Taken at just the nght moment it $\overline{\text { mill }} \mathrm{d}$. as well as a regular cylinder roller, and

## HOME RECIPES

4 thin coat of varrion applied to straw and keepe the matting looking fresh and new. White varnish shoould be vased on
white matting. If thus varnished it will white matting. If thus varnished it will not need to be washed. Be sure and have
the varnish thin, or the matting vill the va
crack.
Silver-plate, jewelry and door-plates
can be beantifully cleaned and can be beantifully cleaned and made to
look like new by dipping a soft cloth or chamois-skin in a weak preparation of
ammonia-water and rabbing the articles chamoie
ammon
with it.
Put one or two, red peppers, or a few
pieces of charcoal, into pieces of charcoal, into the pot whiere
ham, cabbage, \&c., is boiling, apd the
house will not be filled with the ofteneite h ouse
odor.
We now continue o
misellaneous receipta
In cleaning paint, put to two quarts of hot water two tablespoonfulls of turpen-
tine and one pint of skimmed milk. only enough sonp to make a weak, sith s, and it will remove all stains from the
paint and leave a fine luster alm paint and leave a fine luster almost like
varnish.
In washing oilcloths, as we have before
advised, neerer use any soap or a serup advised, never use any soap or a scrup-
bing brush. It will destroy an oilcloch. that should last for years in a short time. Use instead warm water and a soft cloth or flannel, and wipe off with water and skim.
milk. Keep the best of soap on hand; milk. Keep the best of soap on hand;
but, by a farr trial, it will be seen that full two-thirds more soap is used than is beneficial. It is indispensible in washing clothes, we think; but farther than that, When leap used the better.
When marble is iron-rusted, it can
usually be removed by rubbing with lemon-juice. Almost all otber stains may be taken off by mixing one ounce of fine
powdered cualk, one of pumice-stone, and two ounces of common soda. Sift these
together through a fine sieve, and mix with water. When thoronghly mixed, rab this mixture over the stains faithfully,
and the stains will diseppear. Wash the
marble after this, with soap marble after this, with soap and water,
dry and polish with a chamois skin, and the marble will lock like
One Life, Oni Arm.-A wife said to "However cross yous scolding he not a couple who live in greater unanihmity tan you and I; for we alway
desire the same thing- oou want to master, and so do I .
On a child being told that he must be broken of a bad habit, he naively re plied,
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