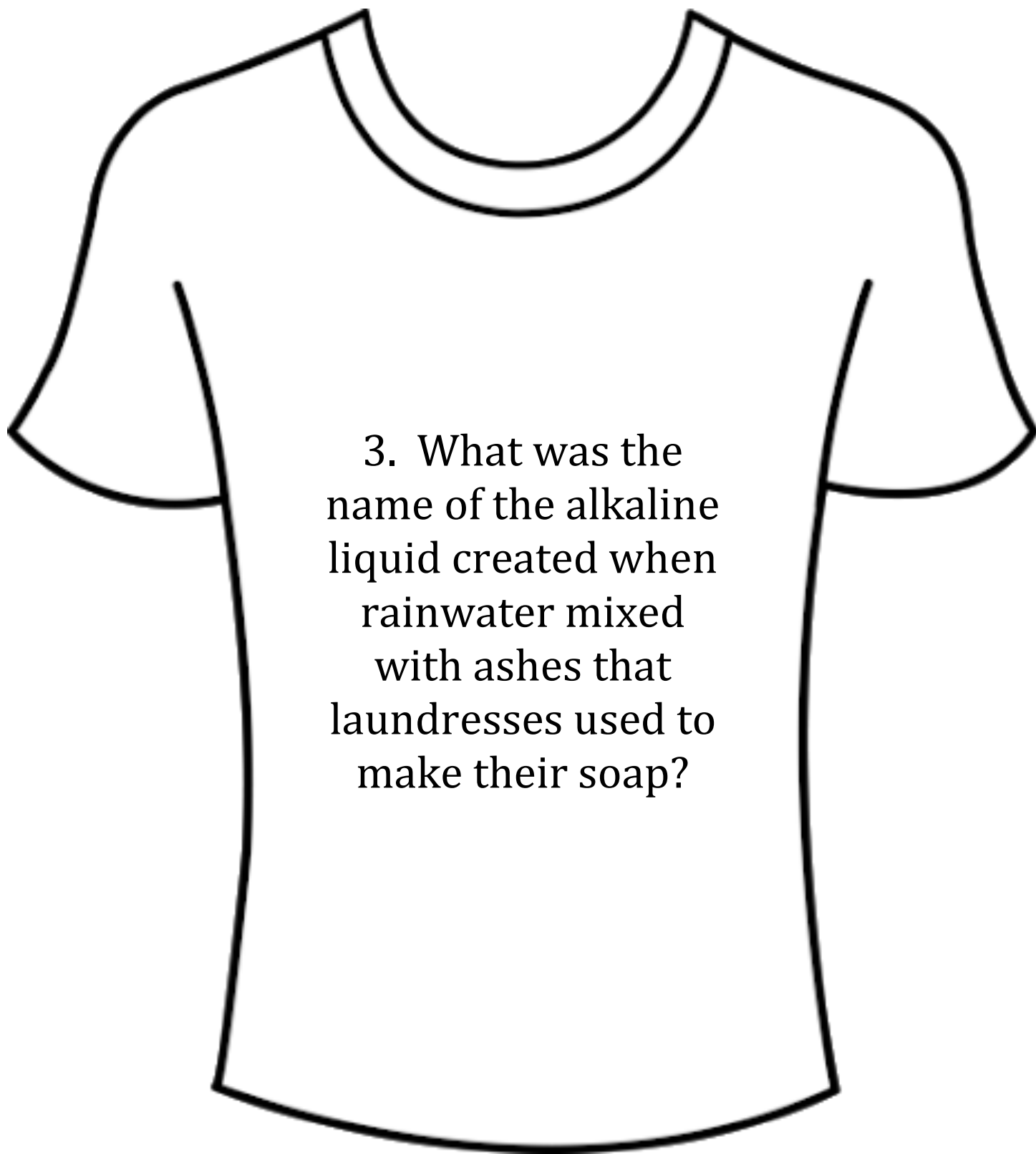


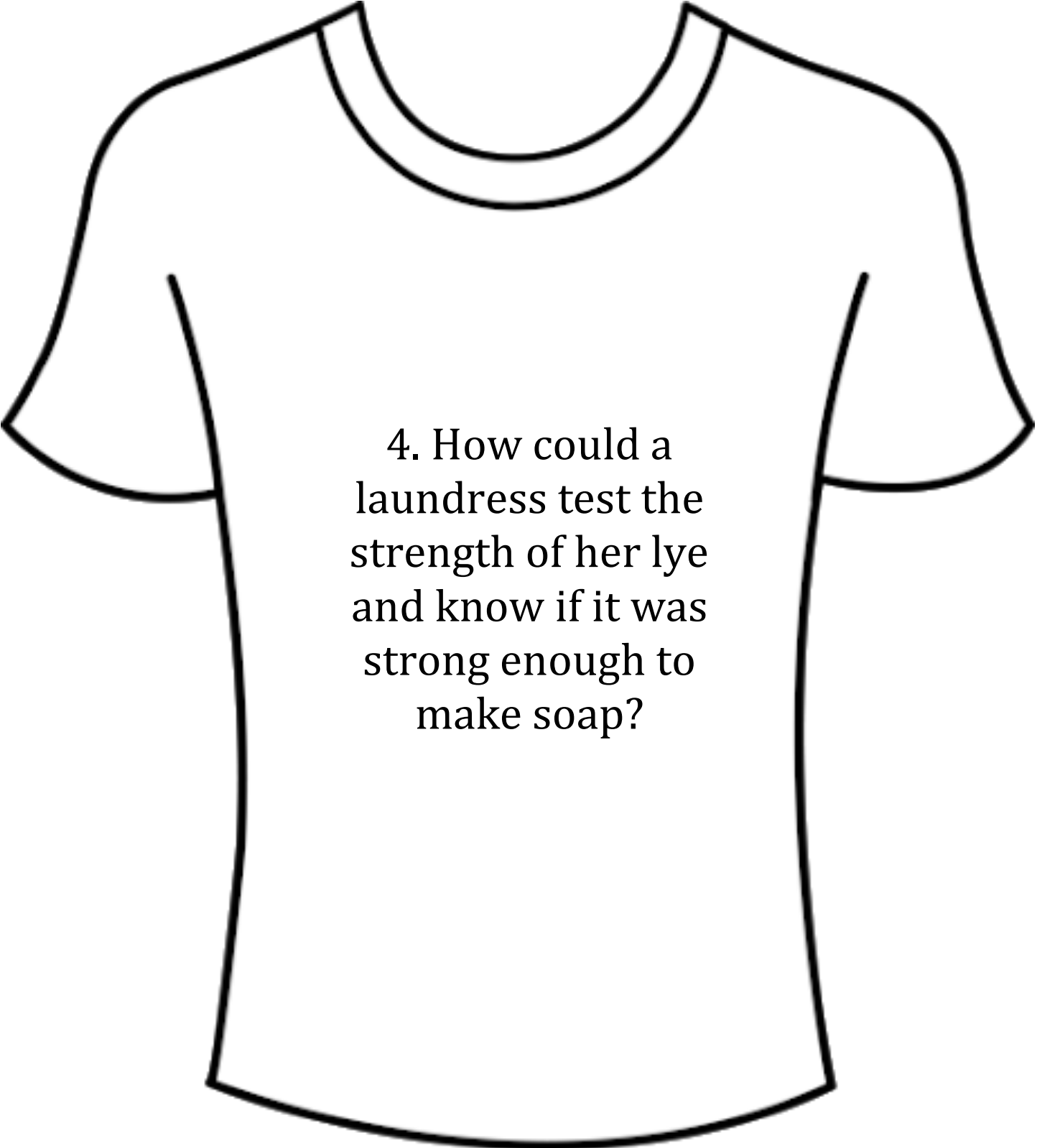
1. What was the common name for the large, metal cauldrons (or pots) that the laundresses used to heat water and wash clothes?



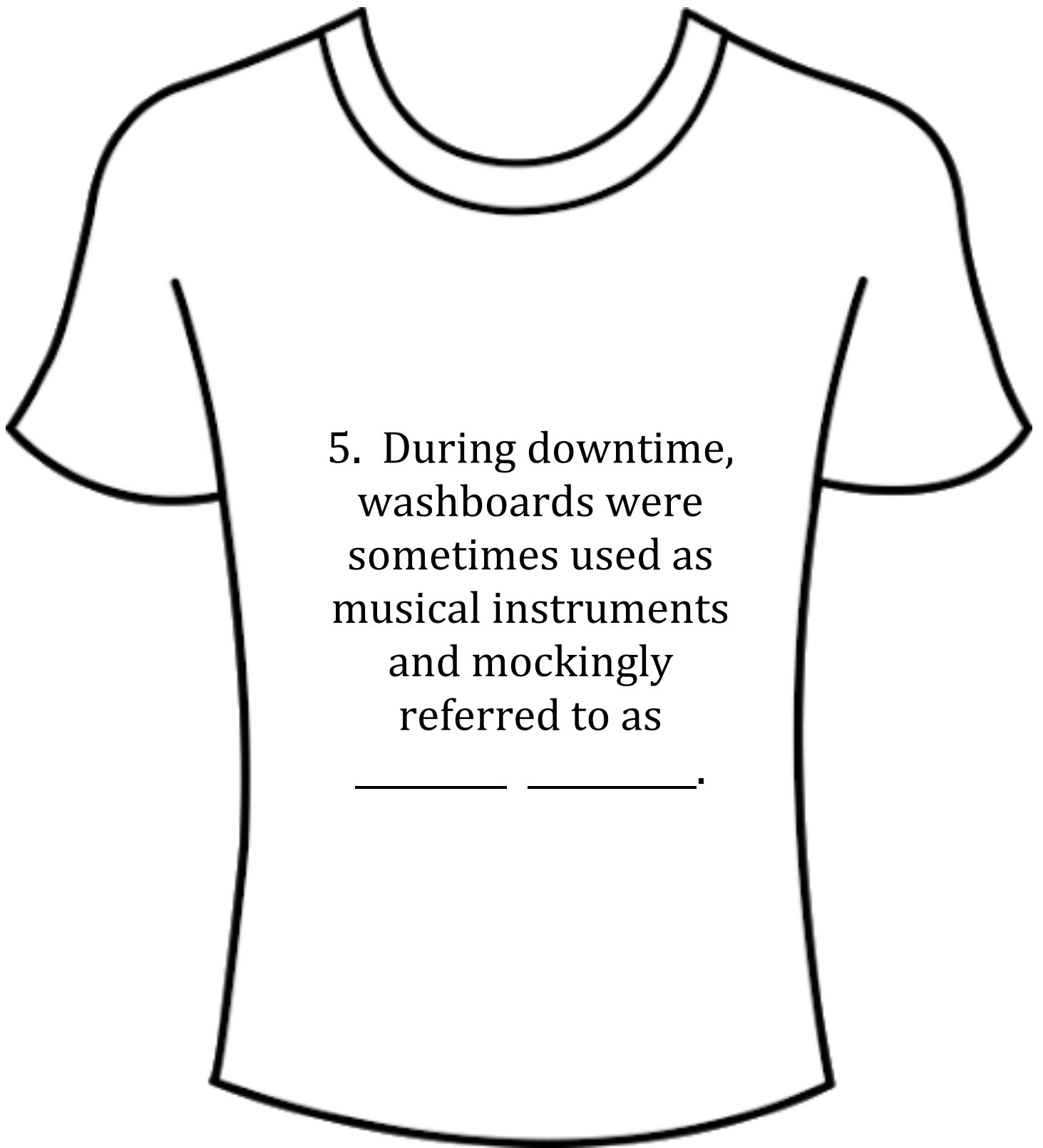
2. One of the main ingredients used to make soap was animal fat. Name one of the sources that a laundress might have used to acquire fat for making soap.



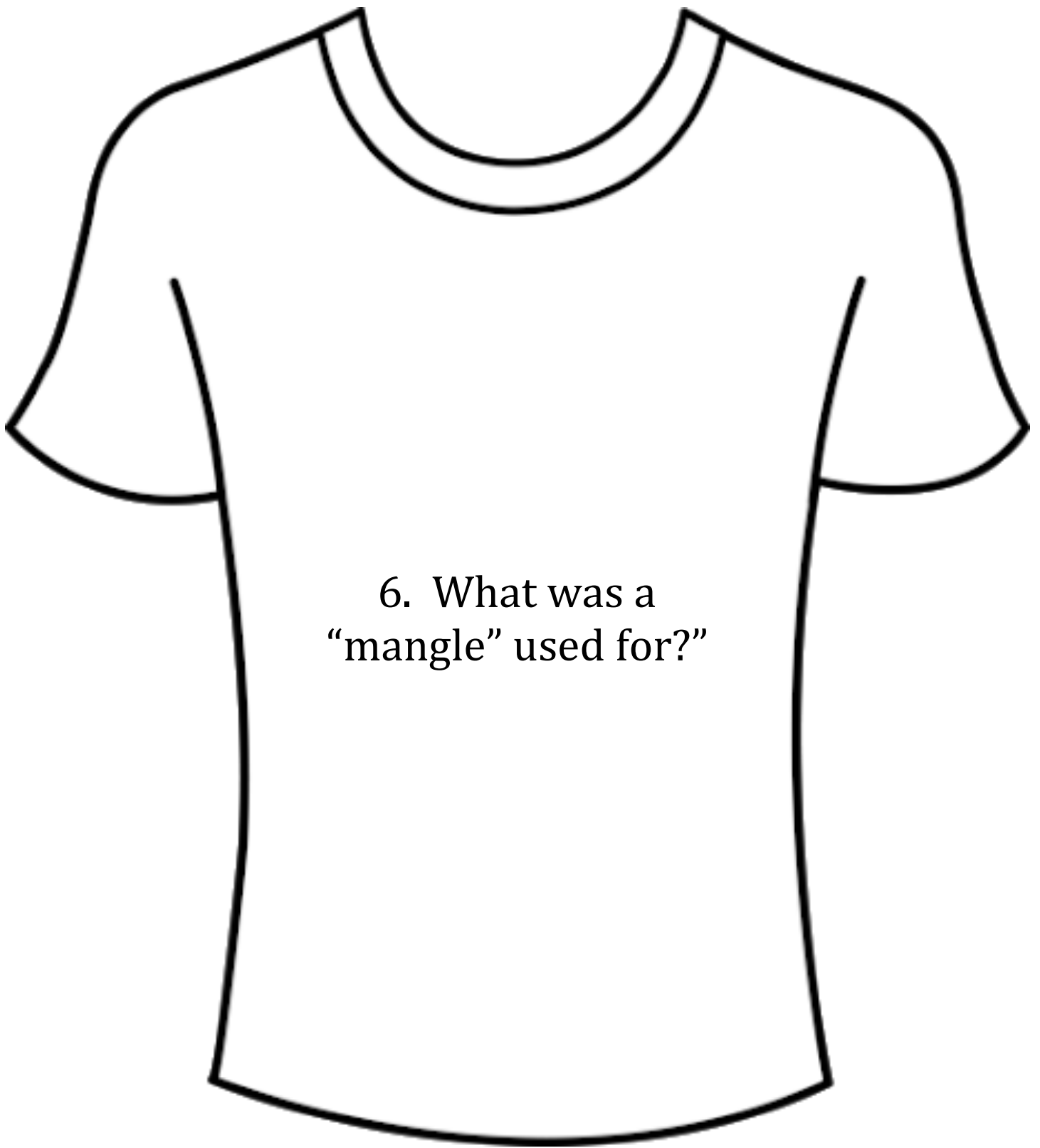
3. What was the name of the alkaline liquid created when rainwater mixed with ashes that laundresses used to make their soap?



4. How could a
laundress test the
strength of her lye
and know if it was
strong enough to
make soap?



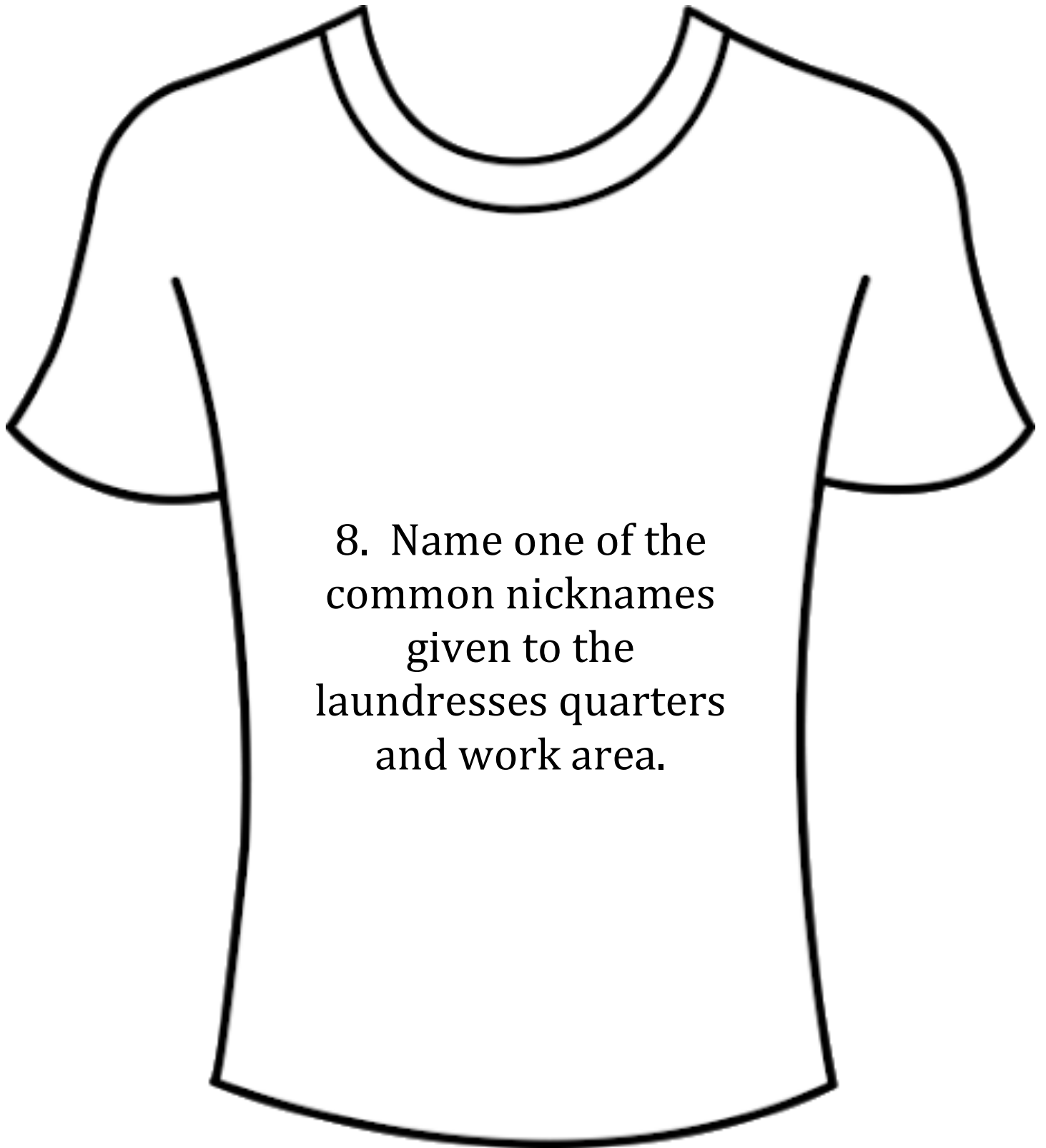
5. During downtime,
washboards were
sometimes used as
musical instruments
and mockingly
referred to as
_____.



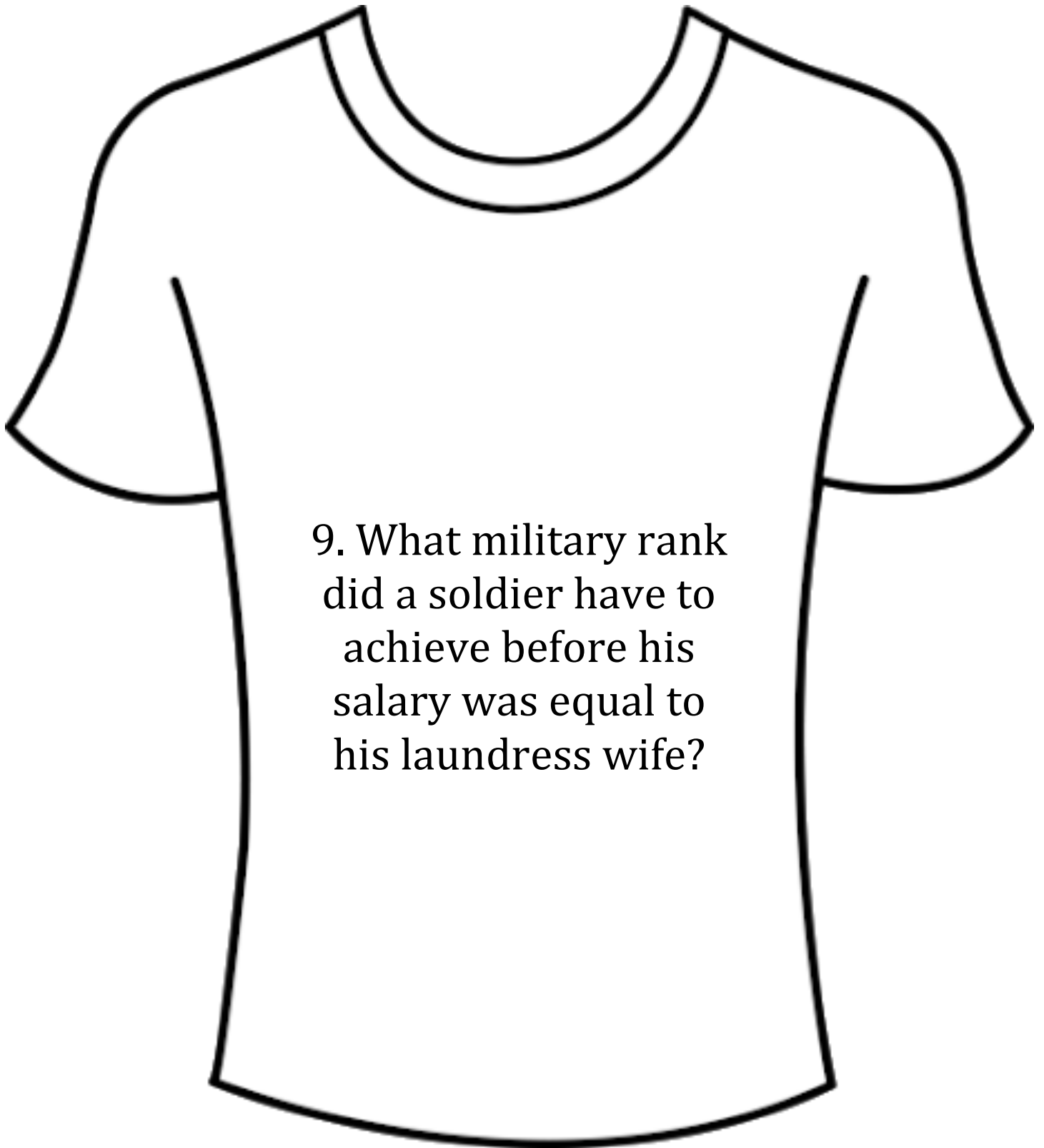
6. What was a
"mangle" used for?"



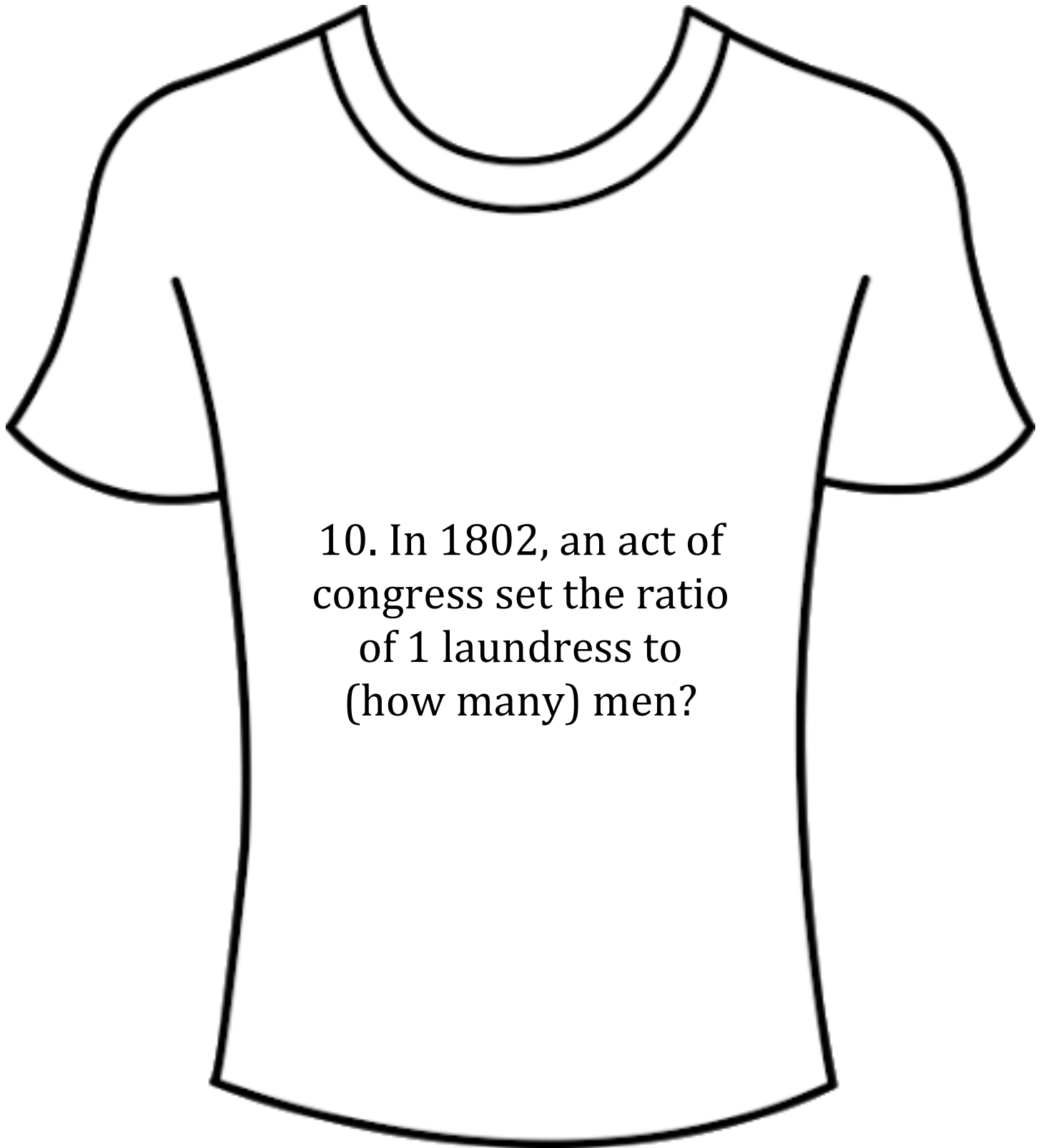
7. What year was
Fort Stanton
established?



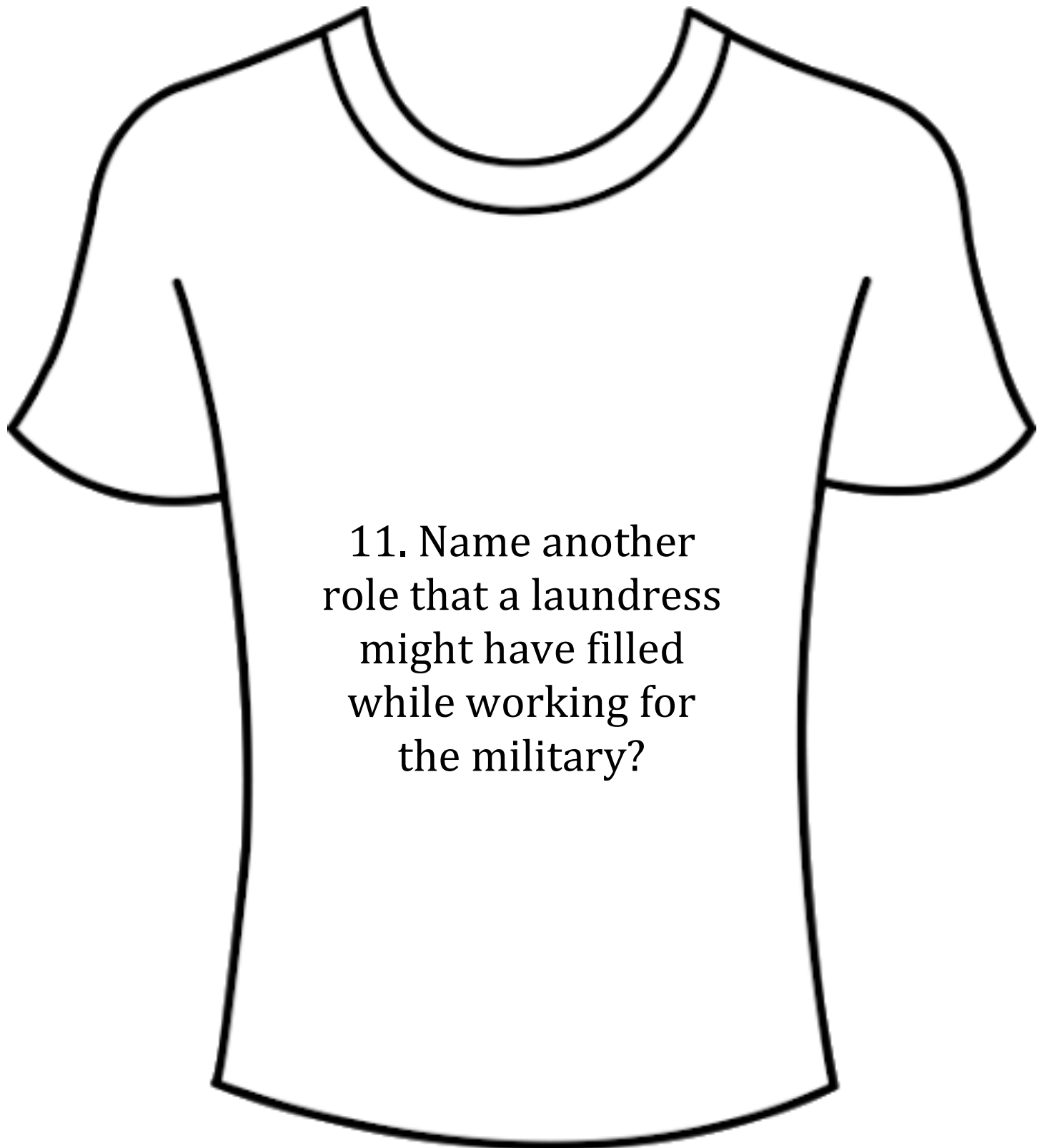
8. Name one of the common nicknames given to the laundresses quarters and work area.



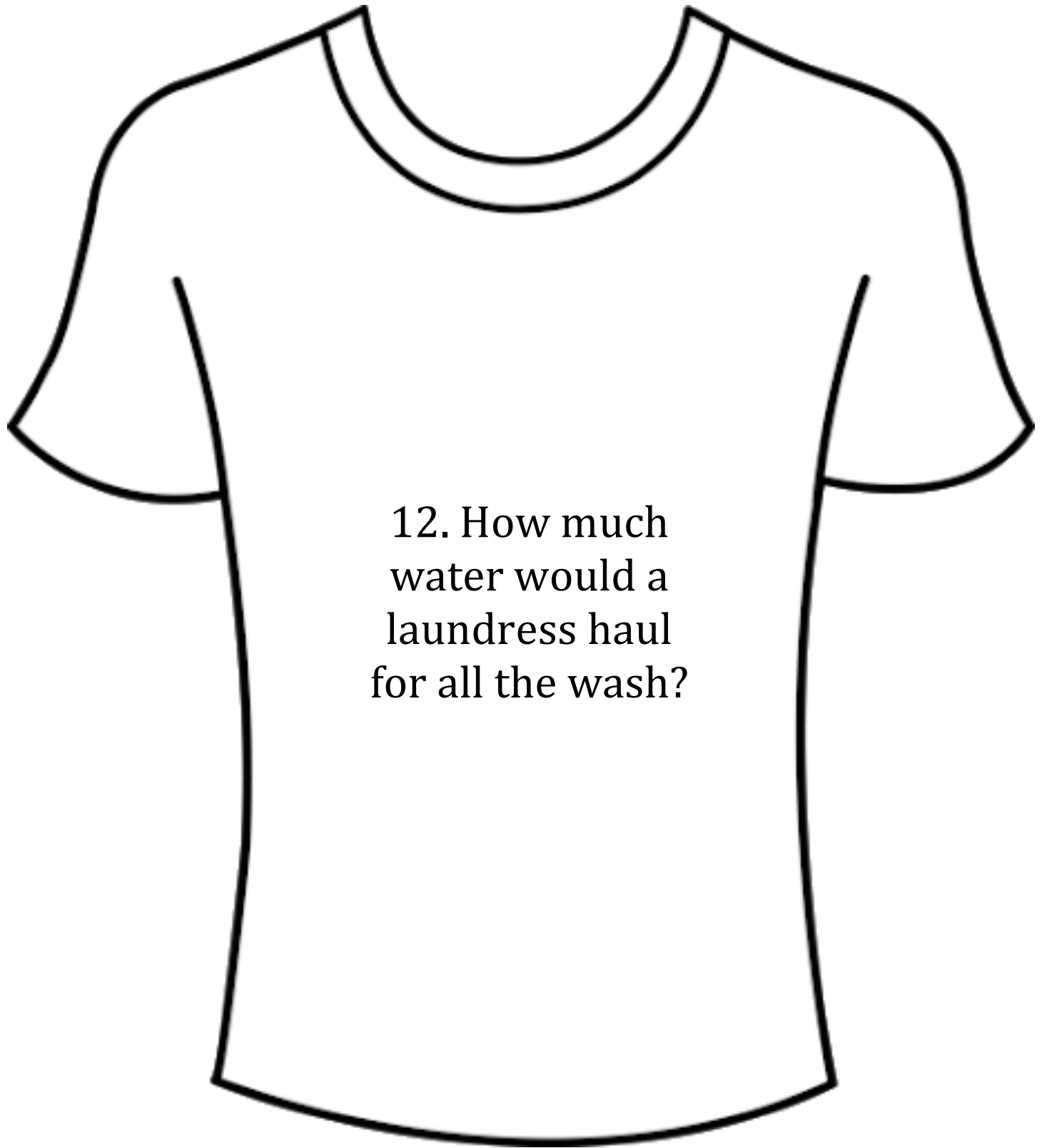
9. What military rank did a soldier have to achieve before his salary was equal to his laundress wife?



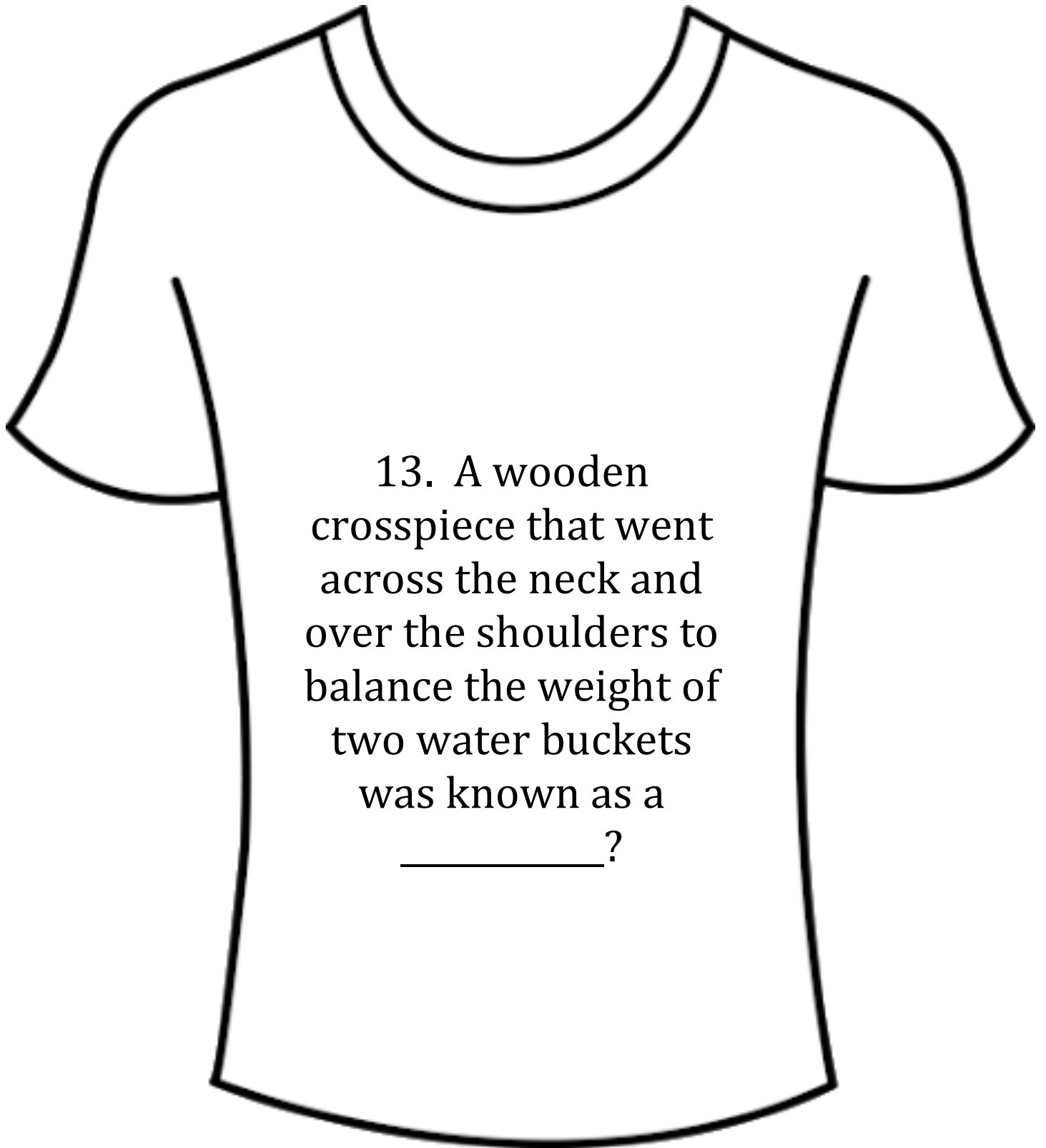
10. In 1802, an act of congress set the ratio of 1 laundress to (how many) men?



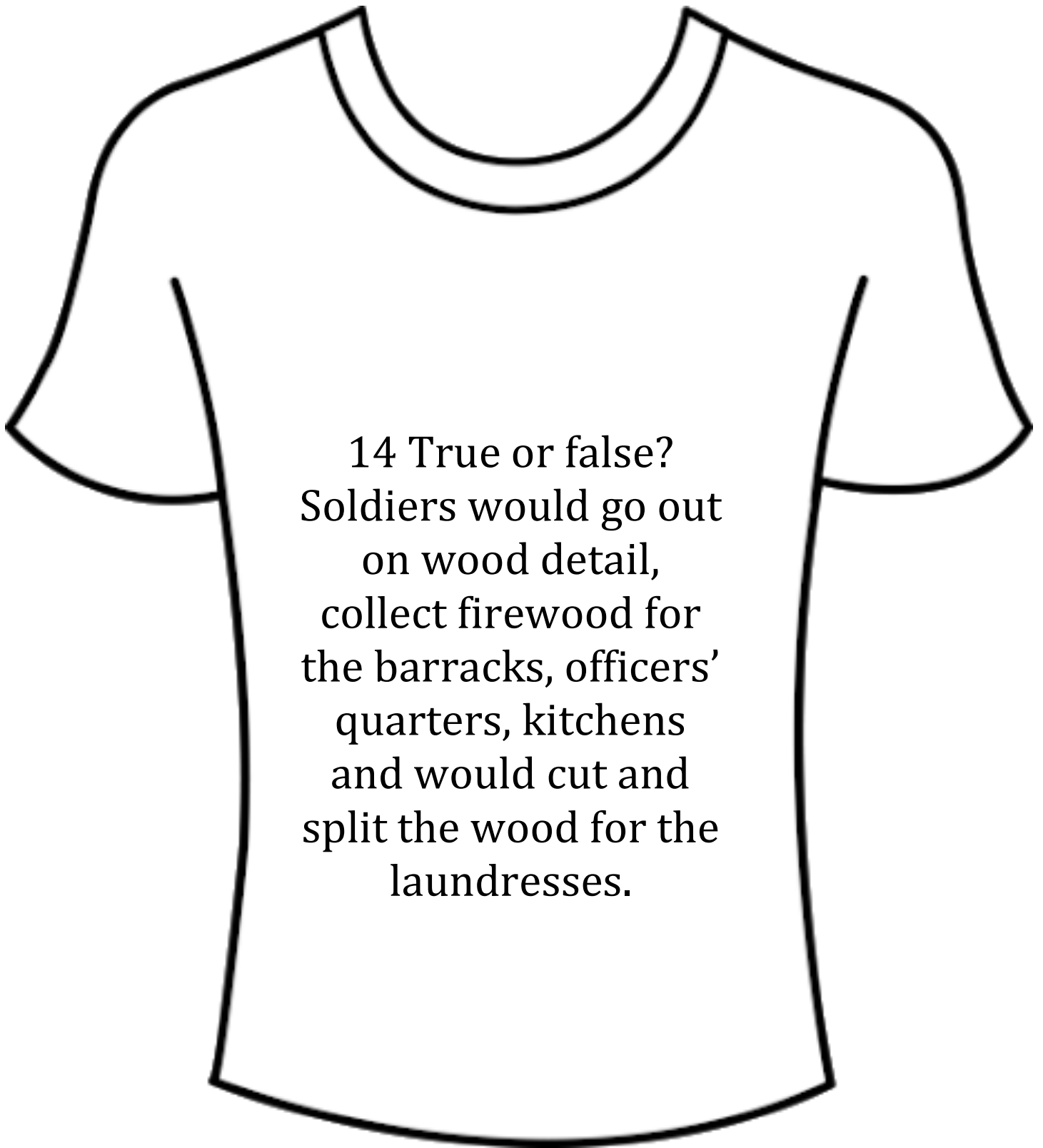
11. Name another
role that a laundress
might have filled
while working for
the military?



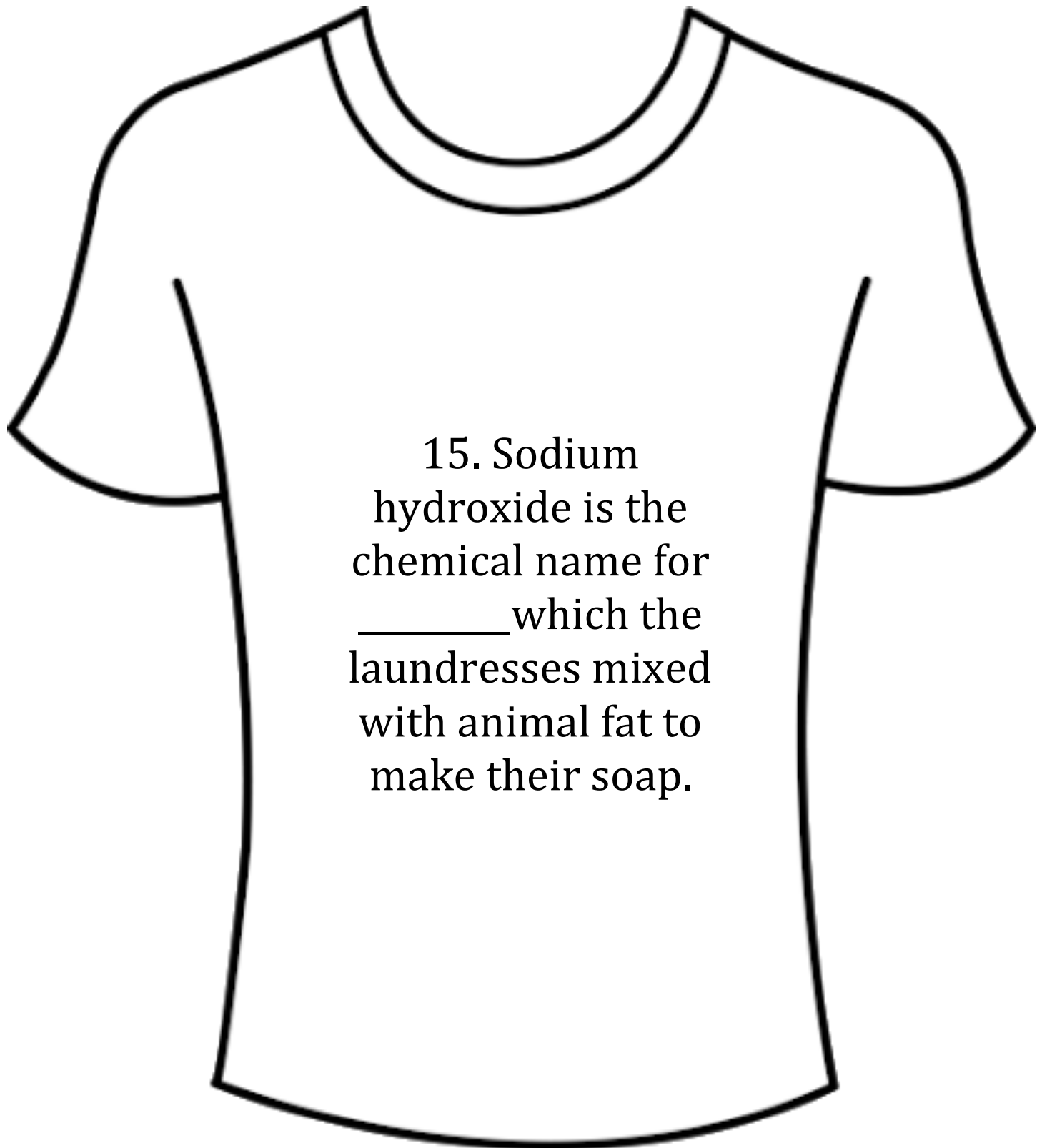
12. How much
water would a
laundress haul
for all the wash?



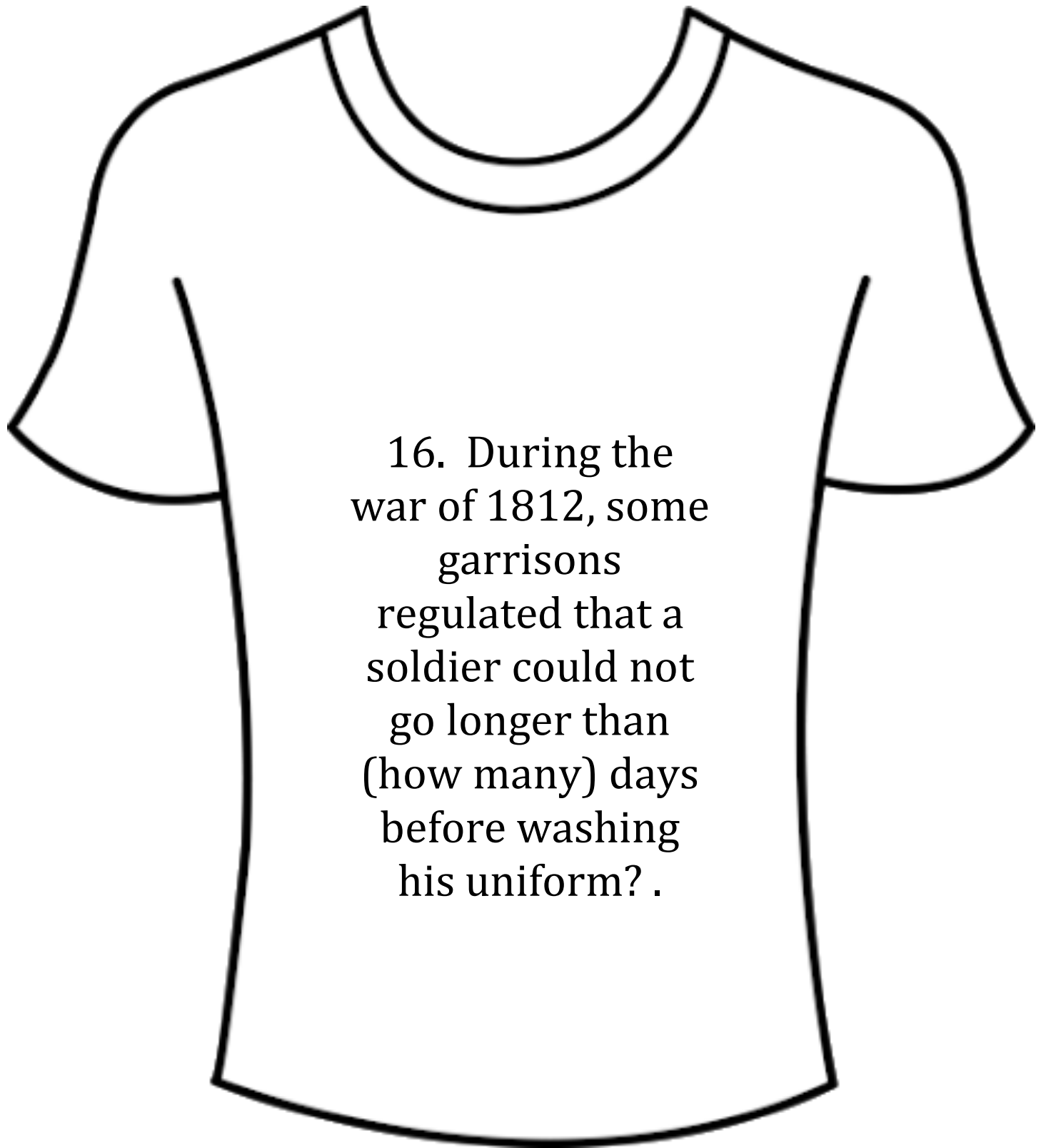
13. A wooden
crosspiece that went
across the neck and
over the shoulders to
balance the weight of
two water buckets
was known as a
_____?



14 True or false?
Soldiers would go out
on wood detail,
collect firewood for
the barracks, officers'
quarters, kitchens
and would cut and
split the wood for the
laundresses.



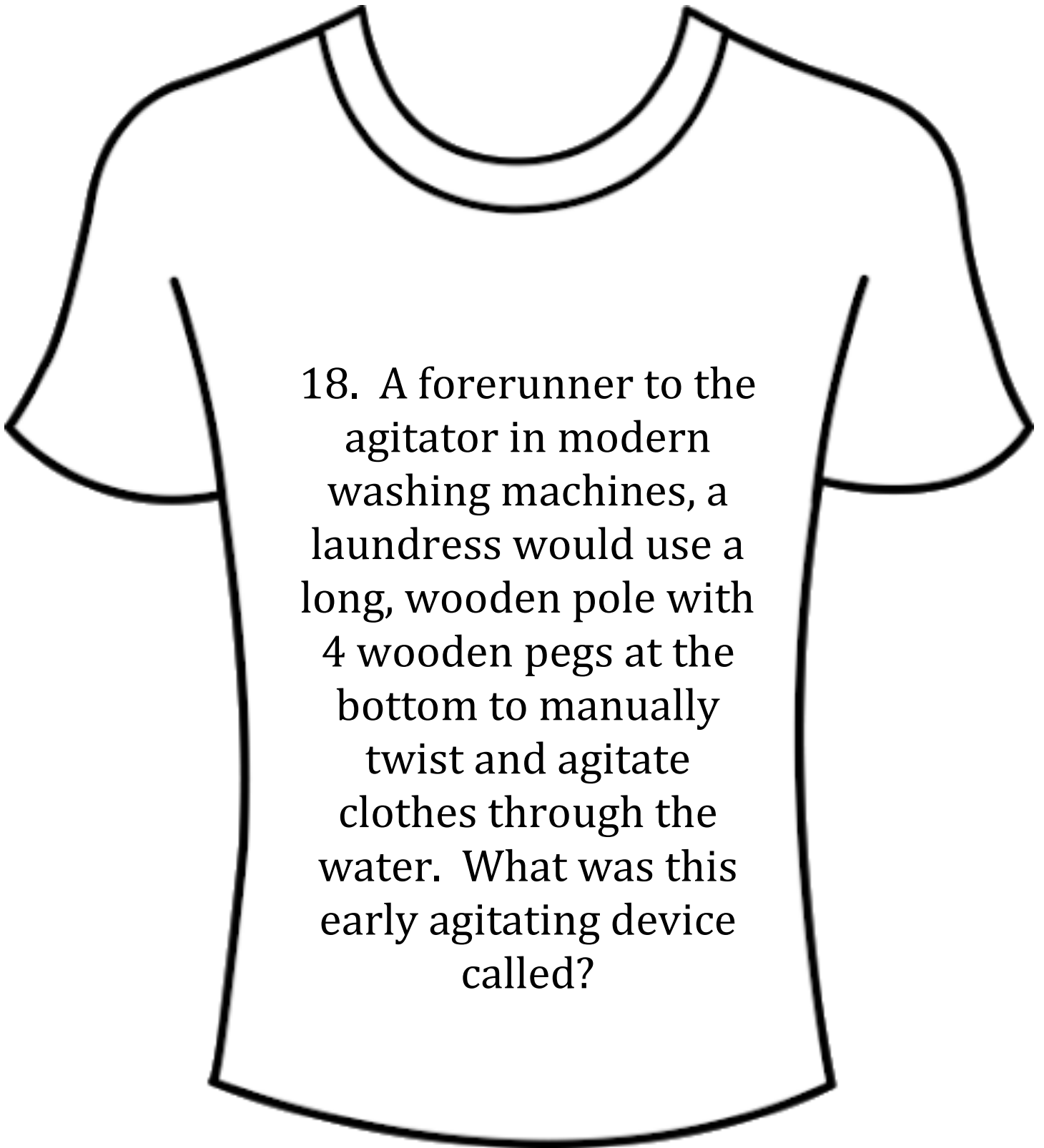
15. Sodium hydroxide is the chemical name for _____ which the laundresses mixed with animal fat to make their soap.



16. During the war of 1812, some garrisons regulated that a soldier could not go longer than (how many) days before washing his uniform? .



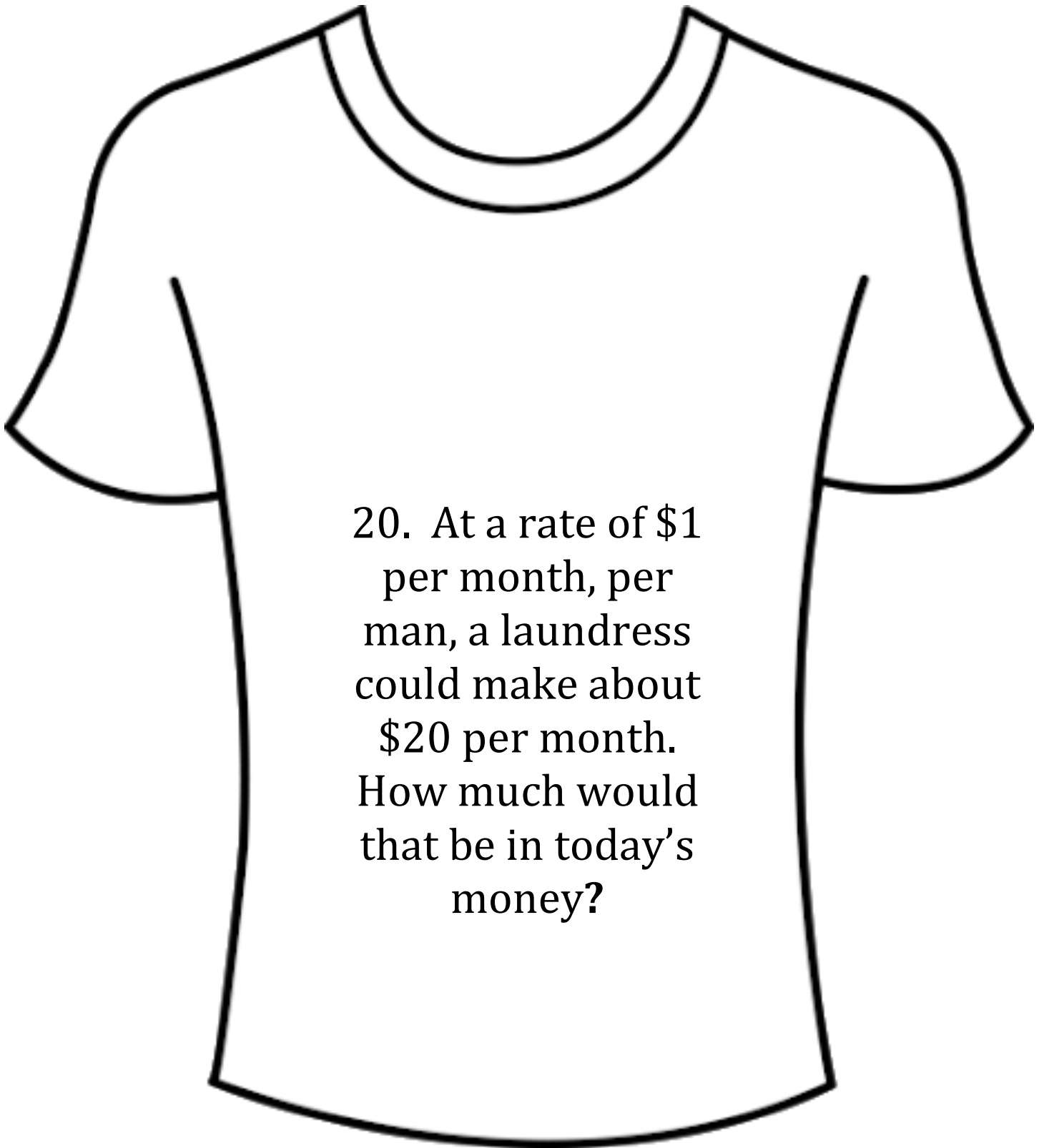
17. True or False:
Some early
laundresses used
bats to pound the
clothes clean?




18. A forerunner to the agitator in modern washing machines, a laundress would use a long, wooden pole with 4 wooden pegs at the bottom to manually twist and agitate clothes through the water. What was this early agitating device called?



19 True or false:
A laundress
usually plugged in
one iron so that it
could be heating
while she used the
other.



20. At a rate of \$1 per month, per man, a laundress could make about \$20 per month. How much would that be in today's money?



21. Laundresses
at Austin, Texas
“Suds Row” were
given
accommodations
in a barn that had
formerly housed a
military
experiment using
what exotic
animals?



22. What was the secret that a laundress named Mrs. Nash kept from all of the soldiers and her 3 husbands?