

## GARDENING NOTES.

### Garden Pests.

Deep autumn cultivation, rotation of crops, and subsequent rotation of tillage are excellent means averting or lessening losses from plant pests and diseases, which are starved out of the infested ground if they fail to find suitable hosts of plants in hand. Quick rotation and continued tillage will even rout wire-worms. In case of a bad infestation it is often found best to discontinue sowing the attacked and closely-related crops for several years, so as to thoroughly starve out the pest. This is especially desirable in the case of club-root disease and of the cabbage-root maggot. Strong, hardy, and healthy growth, as ensured by good culture and proper care, often brings plants through rough attacks without much injury, and vigorous plants are much less likely to be attacked than is weakly, drawn-up rubbish. All lily-tipped plants ought to be destroyed by fire. Throwing them on the manure heap may mean carrying the germs and spores of disease to fresh ground when the manure is distributed. Clean culture is most important, and the refuse of every crop should be destroyed directly the produce has been harvested, for it is frequently in such rubbish that insects and fungi tide over the winter. The garden must be kept clean of everything but actually growing crops. The use of infected soil for seed-beds naturally results in breaking out afresh. Fortunately, most insect and fungus enemies of plants can be killed if sprayed with suitable preparations. Since it is equally as important to save the crop from its enemies as it is to produce it by careful tillage, manuring, etc., it behoves every gardener to have at hand the means of spraying his crops with insecticides and fungicides. The essential parts of a spraying outfit are a force-pump, short length of hose, and a spraying nozzle. In small gardens a spraying syringe may be employed, but knapsack sprayers or bucket pumps, such as are now made by many manufacturers, are more efficient. The choice of pumps and nozzles depends upon the kind of work required, but the pumps must be strong ones, having their working parts made of brass. While, as stated, much may be done to prevent and remedy disease by proper cultivation and manuring and by rotation, the most effective method of preventing and checking injurious attacks lies in the intelligent use of insect and disease-killing substances, which afford protection for some time after application. For purposes of prevention and remedy the insect enemies of garden crops can be divided into two classes—(1) The gnawing or biting insects, such as most injurious caterpillars and grubs, and many beetles, which actually masticate and swallow some portion of a plant; and (2) sucking insects, like green-fly, scale insects, thrips, etc., which have sucking beaks or bristles capable of piercing through the outer layers of bark or

## FUNERAL OF SIR A WELDON

The remains of the late Lt-Col Sir Anthony Weldon, Bart, were removed on Tuesday from the Chapel Royal and interred at St John's burial ground, Athy. A detachment of the R I F, under the command of Col Storey, followed the funeral to Kingsbridge, while on arrival at Athy the remains were placed on a gun carriage, followed by men of the Leinster Regt, of which deceased was commanding officer, 9th Lancers, and R F A.

The chief mourners were Lt-Col H W Weldon, and Major B Weldon (brothers). The following acted as pall bearers:—Col F W Shane, Lt-Col L S Storey, Lt-Col C A Wilding, Lt-Col M F Dick, Lt-Col C H Blackburne, and Lt E H Smith. Amongst those present were—Major Gen Hon E J Stuart-Wortley, Major-Gen W N Lowe, Lt-Col Lord Fredk Fitzgerald, Lord Headfort, Rev Canon Mackey, P.P. V.F.; Lord Walter Fitzgerald, Sir Hunt Walsh, and Mr M J Minch, J.P. Many wreaths were placed on the grave.

Dean Walter and Archdeacon Johnston officiated at the graveside.

Athy magistrates expressed sympathy with Lady Weldon and family, and adjourned as a mark of respect to their late chairman.

The Mayor of Limeick was unavoidably prevented from attending the Memorial Service and funeral.

## CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.

### Mr Justice Pim's Escape.

There was an exciting incident on Tuesday afternoon in Ennis, when Mr Justice Pim was returning to the Courthouse after the luncheon interval. One of the horses attached to his carriage became restive, and broke away from the control of the driver. The carriage pole was smashed, and the carriage seemed more than once on the point of being overturned. After a time his lordship and Mr Crowe, the High Sheriff, were able to leave the vehicle and enter a motor car, by which they were conveyed to the Courthouse, where Mr Justice Pim received the congratulations of the Bar and the officials on his escape.

## THE CORK PROJECT.

The Cork Improvement Bill passed the House of Lords on Tuesday.

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