

STRAY SCRAPS

The Properties Of Slaunlas

ROADSTUFF AS A FERTILISER

(BY RAMBLING THADY).

Oh, Thady, dear Thady,
Ah, why do you moan,
For foreign bird seed,
While there's better at home;
Your bird will sing gaily,
And with hunger won't yawn,
If he's only fed daily,
On Irish grown "slaun."

"KILDIMO BIRD."

P.S.—Enclosed you will find a sample.

By a delayed post I received the above poem, which I think deserves publication. Apparently the writer (a lady judging by the penmanship) thinks the plant and seed forwarded are that of the "slaunlas," but I regret to say she is mistaken. The seed of the slaunlas is found in what children know as "soldiers." Once when I was in that district several people whom I met called the place "Kildeemo." I wonder what is the explanation? It is hard to get people to realise the marvellous properties of slaunlas. In cases of bad cuts, bleeding from the nose, etc., an application of chopped up slaunlas will immediately stop bleeding; and continued application will heal the worst wound in a few days.

CURE FOR BOILS.

Many people are suffering from boils this year. Here is a cure I got to-night. Put a few fresh branches of pine or fir on the fire and when the sap begins to boil through the ends of the branches apply it on a piece of cloth, quite hot, on the boil. There is reason with the cure, as the sap of pine contains resin and turpentine which have definite curative properties.

Personally, I have unbounded faith in the old, old "soap and sugar" plaster for all forms of septic wounds. The sugar should be ground into the finest powder before adding the soap. I once asked a famous physician what he thought about it and I shall always remember his reply. "I always use it myself," he said, "but naturally I couldn't recommend it to a patient who paid me a guinea fee." I have been told that a little powdered resin added to the soap and sugar will make it still more effective.

ROAD STUFF AS A TOP DRESSING.

Mr. Ernest Brown's letter in last week's issue of the "Limerick Leader" proves conclusively the value of road stuff as a top dressing for grass lands. "For several years I have been using it," he writes, "with excellent results." Under the lean scheme for improvements of farmers' lands, I was gratified to note that Mr. Brown succeeded in getting a loan for the top dressing of his land

OBITUARY

MR. M. D. MURPHY, BALLAUGH - ABBEYFEALE.

The death of Mr. Michael D. Murphy, of Ballaugh, Abbeyfeale, following an operation in a Limerick hospital, is widely regretted in West Limerick. Deceased was in his 69th year and was for many years poor rate collector for the Western section of the county. His official service was efficient and considerate, commanding the confidence and esteem of all concerned in its transaction. He was a member of a family who sacrificed the occupation of a valuable farm in the early eighties of the Land League for twenty years, succeeding the Ballaugh O'Grady clearances. Nor did he and the members of his family escape the rigorous attention of the enemy in the Anglo-Irish fight, because of the hospitality given to those in the struggle for freedom. Deceased was father of the Rev. Michael Murphy, of the Mill Hill Fathers, and Mr. Edmond Murphy, M.P.S.I., Kilkee. A very large funeral procession accompanied the remains from Limerick to Abbeyfeale Parish Church, and on the 11th inst. following Requiem Mass, the interment took place in St. Mary's Cemetery in presence of an extraordinarily large attendance of the general public and relatives.

The prayers at the graveside were read by the Rev. J. Heulihan, C.C.; Rev. W. J. Meade, C.C.; Rev. D. O'Keefe, C.S.Sp., Blackrock College.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Murphy (widow), Denny, Dick, (father) Michael Murphy, M.H.F.; Edmond, Patrick, Mossie (sons), Mr. Edward Murphy, Kilkee (brother-in-law), Denis and Michael and Ita Colbery, Goulbourne Bridge; Joe and Bob Woulfe, Ballyhahill; Frank O'Keefe, Lisacree; Dick, Jack and Margaret O'Keefe, Meenscovane; John J. Joy, Abbeyfeale (nephews and nieces); Mrs. James Joy, Abbeyfeale; Luke O'Keefe, Mrs. Kattie R. B. Woulfe, Mrs. L. O'Keefe, Meenscovane; Mrs. C. White, Ballyhahill (sisters and brothers-in-law); Denis and Mrs. Brogan, New St.; J. R. Woulfe, Phil Woulfe, M. J. Woulfe, John, Miss Dollie Woulfe, The Glen; J. J. Woulfe, P.C.; James Woulfe, P. P. Woulfe, R. M. Woulfe, Thomas M. Woulfe, etc. Woulfe, Richard W. Woulfe.

Wires and messages of sympathy were received from many sympathising friends.

Mass cards were sent by the following: Active Service Unit, Old I.R.A.; Mrs. M. Stack and family; Mrs. Bridget Woulfe and family; Katty Woulfe and family; Jimmie Joy, Mrs. and family; Thomas, Mrs. Leahy and family; Cratloe; John and Ellen Enright; Brosnan family, Abbeyfeale; Grand-Child; Ignatius, Denny, Dick, Patrick, and Mossie (sons); Wire and Millie; Johnie and Joe Murphy, Ballaugh; Ned and Josie, Kilkee; C. White and family, Ballyhahill; Frank, Mrs. O'Keefe and family, Limerick.

MRS. JOHANNA SHEEHY, CROAGH.

Mrs. Johanna Sheehy, relict of the late Mr. Patrick Sheehy died

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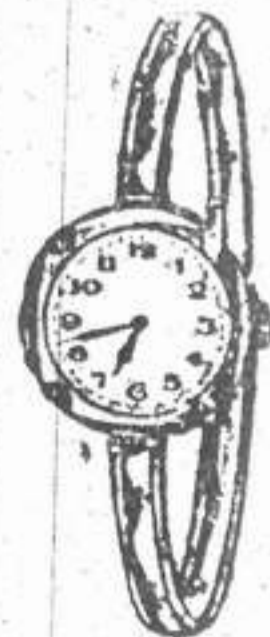
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