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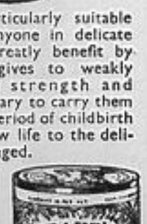

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GARDENING

Lettuce For Spring

Wars are detested by most of the human race, but it is a well-known fact that without them there would be very slow progress in the many fields of human activity. They create scarcities, and necessity being the mother of invention, many a new thing is tried that would never be thought of if it weren't for wars.

Coal being scarce during the last was, drove the housewife to search for foods that need not be cooked, and the cold salad has become very popular.

One of the most important ingredients in a cold salad is lettuce, and on every sunny day throughout the year, especially in spring and early summer, there is a growing demand for this green food.

War necessitated it, but the taste once acquired, a longing comes frequently over the human frame for sunshine and salad.

And now they tell us that lettuce has a very high calorific value, to say nothing of all the vitamins it contains. It would seem, however, that instinct had taught us ordinary humans all this long before the scientists gave us facts and figures.

Some people may eat lettuce because they are told it is good for them, but most people, I think, eat it because they like it. Whatever the cause, it has become very popular during the last six or seven years. In fact I remember the time not so long ago when it would not be a very economic venture to grow lettuce for the Limerick market.

Some seven or eight years ago very few people in Ireland knew that a good crop of good quality lettuce could be grown outdoor during winter to heart up in the early spring. In fact there are still a few who do not know that there are several varieties of lettuce that are so hardy as to stand the severest frosts that have ever come to Ireland recently.

Twenty years or so ago there were very few good quality hardy lettuce varieties and "McHattie's Giant" was always mentioned and is still offered in some catalogues. Although it is a very hardy lettuce it is rather coarse and May King, or May Queen, Passion-White or Trocadero are just as hardy but superior in quality.

OUTDOOR CROP.

Below are the essential points to watch for the production of good quality lettuce outdoor in April and May. Sow the right varieties between the first and third week in September. Transplant the seedlings into a nursery bed as soon as they are fit to handle. Make the final transplanting during the first week of October into rich land in a sheltered situation and keep the ground clean of weeds and slugs.

PREPARATION FOR PLANTING.

Ground after a manured crop of potatoes is ideal without further manuring now. Some fertilisers should, however, be forked into the surface soil after the plot has been carefully dug. A good dusting of hydrated lime should then be hoed or raked into the surface and the soil firmed with a roller or by treading. The surface should then be raked fairly fine, as a rough and lumpy surface is conducive to damping off and other diseases. For fertilisers, I use steamed bone-flour, when I can get it. At present there are few fertilisers to chose from, but some of the slow-acting high-grade superphosphate types of phosphatic fertilisers have come again recently on the market, and about 4 ozs. per square yard, together with a dusting of dry wood ash, would make a suitable fertiliser mixture for lettuce.

Quick-acting nitrogenous fertilisers are not required for leafy crops at this time of year, but they may be applied in March or April when growth has commenced. They would only stimulate soft, leafy growth now, which would be cut back by the first frost, and it might take the plants a long time to recover the set back.

PLANTING OUT.

Put down a line at one side of the prepared plot and lay the plants along it at 10 inches apart. Plant them with a dibber and it is most important to see that they are not planted too high or too low in the ground. The plants should sit flat on the ground and see that the bottom of the root is well in close contact with the soil. It is bad planting to have the soil tightly packed around the root just underneath the crown of the plant with an air-lock left below at the top of the root. A well-planted lettuce or cabbage will not come up easily if pulled gently, but firmly, by one leaf.

Plant the lines one foot apart. Use any of the varieties I have mentioned and give frequent dustings of Meta mixed with bran or some other such distributer to kill slugs. I have used successfully powdered Meta by itself or mixed with pollard or sawdust. Hoe between the plants on every possible occasion to aerate the soil and prevent weeds from growing. See that the soil underneath the leaves and right up to the stems of the plants is not missed by the hoe. Cut-worms sometimes destroy a good number of plants. They generally cut the head clean off the root at soil level. When this is noticed, the surface soil around the cut plant should be examined, the worm "grub of the Yellow Underwing Moth mostly" caught and destroyed. Otherwise it will continue to destroy other plants.

INDOOR LETTUCE.

A Christmas crop of hearted lettuce can be obtained in heated glasshouses by planting a variety called Cheshunt Early Giant now. Clear the tomatoes, fumigate with sulphur candle or spray the inside of the house and the surface soil with a solution of Formaldehyde to clear it of tomato mildew. Fork over the surface soil, adding some bone-flour or fine bone meal as the work proceeds. Dust surface with lime, make firm and rake off, making a fine level surface, and plant the lettuce at 10" apart each way. By the way, planting may be done 24 hours after the sulphur burning, but not for three weeks after the formalin. See that the soil is saturated with water 24 hours or so before planting, as it is bad to have to water lettuce after it has been planted.

For a cold house or frame use May King or May Queen.

APPLE PICKING.

Most varieties left on the trees are now ready or almost ready to pick. Brambley Seedling, Newtown Wonder, and some of the late russets will be the last, and they will perhaps hang on for another week or so. Apples will keep badly if picked before they are fit. A good guide is to lift the apple gently in the opposite way to that in which it is hanging, and if it comes away freely from the branch with its stalk adhering to the apple, it is a fairly sure sign that the fruit is fit to pick. Most late keeping apples store well in a pit made as for potatoes, but covered with rushes instead of straw.

RECIPES FOR HORSERADISH SAUCE.

These recipes are unavoidably held over until next week.

J. J. O'CARROLL, R.Sc.O.

ODDS AND ENDS

Harvest Help

(BY AN MANGAIRE SUGACH).

Well, my gentle reader, how have you served the nation in the battle for the harvest? Have you laboured in the corn field, bending your aching back to the unaccustomed toil, or have you even stood at the headland offering useful and valuable advice to those who reaped, took out and bound the sheaves? If you haven't done anything to save the precious golden grain in this critical year you are not the person I thought you were.

How wonderful it would be if the spirit of co-operation that sent people in hundreds into the fields to aid their neighbours could survive, and be in evidence in the good years as well as the bad. Next door neighbours always "cared," but why shouldn't whole country-sides "care" in the mutual interest of all.

THE GLEANERS.

There is a picture that one often sees in country houses it is called "The Gleaners." Usually its companion piece, "The Angelus," hangs close beside. When An Taoiseach made his fervent appeal to save every stray ear of corn many people must have thought of "The Gleaners," the three women who carefully gleaned what the harvesters had left behind in their hurry. Every stray stalk counts "buidhgheann brob beart." Other years we could afford to let the hens and the crows do the gleaning; not so this year. Save everything we can this year that must be our motto, the motto that spurred the volunteer harvest army into action all over the country.

MANY HANDS.

Those who left the towns and cities and flocked to the countryside to lend a helping hand will recite their adventures and enumerate their feats for many a day. They'll tell how they faced the broad acres of corn, making up in will what they lacked in skill, and shaming the country workers by their diligence and industry. They'll tell how quickly they learned the art of binding no small accomplishment, that and how deftly they tied the knot that would not come loose in a hurry. We can imagine an argument starting up, as arguments will, in a few years time, and some member of the present harvest army silencing his opponent by putting him the poser—"Where were you in 1946 when I was out saving the crops for the farmers?" Woe to him who is unable to say where he was!

FINNISCEALTA—IS OBAIR LE DEANAMH.

Of course the usual crop of finnsealta will spring up, even as the first of them have done already. One volunteer arrived in a farmer's yard reporting for duty. The farmer looked him up and down, said "hum-m-m" and went back into the kitchen. He returned with a tin and brush, handed it to the city man and said: "There isn't anything I could put you at, so you may as well paint the gate for me." But, my gentle reader, I feel I shouldn't be wasting your precious time with stories like that while there's work to be done. This is no time for talking, writing or reading. Up with you at once and out to where the batshaothar.

Bail o Dhia ar do sh othar.

RECENT MARRIAGE

WEDDING OF IRISH RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

Mr. David E. O'Loughlin, the well-known Irish rugby international forward, was married on the 24th ult. at the Collegiate Chapel of St. Finbarr, University College, Cork, to Miss Deirdre M. Molyneux, of Rusheens, Menloe Gardens, Blackrock, Cork, second daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Molyneux, Tralee, Co. Kerry. Mr. O'Loughlin, who graduated with an M.Sc. (Dairying) Degree from U.C.C., is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Loughlin, Tobernea, Kilmallock.

The ceremony, with Nuptial Mass, was performed by Rev. Andrew Molyneux, C.C., Abberdorney (cousin of the bride), assisted by Ven. Archdeacon O'Brien, D.D., P.P., Effin, Kilmallock; Rev. Michael Quinn, P.P., Templeglantine; Rev. J. Crowley, C.C., Blackrock, Cork; Rev. Michael J. McCarthy, C.C., Effin, and Rev. David Kelly, British Army Chaplain.

Mr. Robert McClement, B.Comm., Cork, was best man, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Patricia Molyneux, A.I.A.M., and was given away by Dr. Fergus McEvoy, Dublin. Mrs. Meehan sang the music of the Mass and Mr. George Brady, L.T.C.L., presided at the organ.

After the wedding, a reception was given at the Hydro Hotel, Blarney, where there were over sixty guests, including:—Mrs. S. Hegarty (matron of honour), Mrs. D. F. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Loughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Brian O'Brien, Cork; Mr. Con Murphy, Dublin; Mrs. F. G. Moran, Dublin; Mrs. McSweeney, Tralee; Mrs. Doyle, Dublin; Mrs. Jack Russell, Cork; Mrs. T. Ronayne Conron, Miss M. R. Conron, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conron, Miss Mary O'Loughlin, Mr. Patrick T. Liston, solr.; Mr. Maurice M. Power, solr.; Mr. E. B. Walshe, Mr. Con Prior, Mr. J. Buckley, Mr. Barney McSweeney, Tralee; Mrs. T. Clery, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Limerick; Mr. J. J. Brown, Mr. W. Miller, Mr. W. Kelly, Mr. D. O'Brien, Misses G. O'Kane, R. Rhatigan, J. Quillinan, Kathleen O'Connor, Pat Hans and Sheila Hegarty.

The bridegroom is a member of the Dolphin Rugby Club, Cork, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the Charleville rugby team. He is also the popular secretary of the Kilmallock Lawn Tennis Club and one of the Club's top players.

Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Loughlin were the recipients of many congratulatory messages on their wedding.

"COLOUR" RIOT IN U.S.A.

Rioting between whites and negroes in North Philadelphia on Saturday night resulted in the death of a white man and the holding of a negro on a homicide charge.

MORE PARAFFIN

The domestic ration of paraffin oil has been increased from one to two gallons a month for this and subsequent months. This ration, it is anticipated, will continue throughout the winter.

STRAY SCRAPS

A Trip To Knock

(By "RAMBLING THADY").

The older we get the more vividly do we recall many little incidents of our long-lost youth, though a cloud seems to obscure the still more important happenings of middle life.

Well over a half century ago I remember buying a little cross at a mission stand. It was carved out of bog oak and had a tiny hole fitted with glass in the centre. By closing one eye and putting the other to the glass a fairly large sized picture could be seen representing the Apparition at Knock in the year 1879. I cannot remember the fate of the cross; neither can I recall having seen a similar one since then.

These early recollections occurred to me as the result of an account given to me of a pilgrimage to Knock undertaken by Mrs. A. Fitzgerald, ex-N.T., Effin, a few weeks ago. This is the fifth successive year she has done a similar pilgrimage and has earned for herself the proud title of "Promoter."

Beside me, as I write, I have a copy of the "Knock Shrine Annual," in which are given details of the pilgrimage from all over Ireland, and an exhaustive list of the favours received through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock.

In the hope of stimulating devotion to Our Lady under her Irish title, I give hereunder Mrs. Fitzgerald's record of her pilgrimage in her own words:

"On September 3rd an unexpected pleasure came 'My Way' in the form of a letter from Dan O'Sullivan, Newtownshandrum, and his wife, Cathleen, inviting me to a seat in their car the following Wednesday for our annual trip to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock, near Claremorris, in Co. Mayo. They arranged to pick me up at Charleville, and fortunately a party of guests who were going to Mick Casey's wedding squeezed me into their car and took my feet and bicycle off the worst bit of road to be found in the whole of Limerick.

"We were soon in Limerick, visited the Franciscan Church, and once again found ourselves on the now familiar road to Knock. The fourth in the car was Mrs. Matt Ryan, from Newtown, on her maiden trip to the Shrine. We lunched at the Queen's Hotel, Ennis, and had tea at Conway's Hotel, Claremorris. The proprietress, Mrs. Conway, was formerly Miss Coleman, of Coleman's Hotel, Charleville, and we felt very much at home. Our next stop was at Knock, where we had supper in the hostel conducted by nuns. We remained overnight in the hostel and before the Blessed Sacrament in the hostel chapel all the guests joined in saying the Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Knock.

"We paid three rounds on Wednesday night and prayed until darkness enveloped the earth. We slept soundly in the house where God watched and were called for 8 o'clock Mass. After another round we bade good-bye to the kindly nuns and, once more faced the South. At Gort we called on Miss Kelly, who was once a teacher at Newtownshandrum School, and lunched and rested in her dream-like home.

"Having left Ennis and as the evening was still young, we visited Rineanna and for the first time had a close-up view of a big air liner.

"We completed our devotional exercises by getting confession in Limerick in preparation for the First Friday. Dan drove me to my own door and instead of a 'tip' I promised him a remembrance in my poor prayers. I am very happy, thank God."

ARMY OFFICER RETIRES

The retirement is announced as from October 1st of Captain Michael Quirke, a native of Galbally, Co. Limerick, who has served 24½ years with the Defence Forces, and who has been appointed Supervisor of Stores at Baldonnel Aerodrome, Co. Dublin. Captain Quirke has a long and varied career in the service of his country. He joined the Irish Volunteers in August, 1914 and was the eldest of four brothers who answered the call to arms and mobilised for action with the Galtee Battalion during Easter Week, 1916. During the five years which followed he was one of the most active volunteer officers in the Galtee area and took part in many notable engagements against the Crown Forces during the war of independance.

He joined the Army in March, 1922, and was promoted no less than eight times in twenty years, having served in all grades of non-commissioned rank, in addition to that of second lieutenant, lieutenant, and captain. He held many responsible appointments during the latter years of his service and was in charge of the Army Ordnance Stores at the Curragh during six years of the Emergency as accountant. His many friends and old comrades in East Limerick and South Tipperary wish him many years of health and happiness in his new civilian appointment at Baldonnell.

DOGS ROAMING THE STREETS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—For many years past I have been scanning your columns in order to find if any of the thousands of people who frequent the city would take up the cudgels and bring to the notice of the "City Fathers," or the responsible authorities, the most annoying and totally dangerous habit of allowing dogs to roam the streets. Those are now becoming a direct menace to the safety of cyclists, motorists and, occasionally, to pedestrians. Quite recently I have observed a cyclist undergoing the tantalising experience of trying, with considerable ingenuity, to keep a straight course, and also to avoid having his trousers torn off by a black and white cur, keeping within one foot of the intended victim. The problem is a knotty one, for to try and find the owners of these "canine desperadoes" is easier said than done. In the country the situation is just as serious and I write to you, Mr. Editor, in the hope that something will be done to counteract this nuisance. Hundreds of people must have plenty of incidents to relate, and it would be very interesting to hear of those cases, and so present, for the public to judge, the real truth about this latest menace. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, yours faithfully,

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OBITUARY

MR. T. COOKE, BAWNAGERAGH.

The death of Mr. Thomas Cooke, Bawnageragh, Kilmallock, caused very deep and widespread regret. The deceased, who was a prominent and highly-respected farmer, was brother of Ven. Archdeacon Cooke, P.P., V.G., Tipperary, and was deservedly held in the warmest esteem by all classes. He was for years a very popular and useful member of the old Kilmallock Board of Guardians and District Council and also took a deep and practical interest in the co-operative movement. The funeral took place on Wednesday, 16th September, after Office and High Mass in Knockaney Church, to the adjoining cemetery. The cortege was of very large dimensions, being representative of all sections of the community.

Celebrant of Mass:—Ven. Archdeacon Cooke, P.P., V.G., Tipperary (brother); deacon, Very Rev. J. Canon Heffernan, D.D., P.P., V.F., Galbally; sub-deacon, Rev. M. Crowley, C.C., Feenagh (nephew); masters of ceremonies, Very Rev. T. O'Connor, Adm., Thurles; Rev. James O'Mara, C.C., Knockaney.

Choir Very Rev. S. O'Dea, P.P., Drom; Very Rev. M. J. Leahy, P.P., Bulgaden; Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., Hospital; Very Rev. J. J. Ryan, P.P., V.F., Fethard; Very Rev. F. Davin, Adm., Solohead; Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., Knocklong; Very Rev. J. Hammersley, P.P., Golden; Very Rev. J. M. Hayes, P.P., Bansha; Very Rev. J. J. Hennessy, Dubuque; Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C., Dromin; Rev. J. Leonard, C.C., Bulgaden; Rev. J. J. Meagher, C.C., Francis St., Dublin; Rev. P. Bluett, C.C., Clarina; Rev. J. Ronan, C.C., Tipperary; Rev. P. Noonan, C.C., Aherlow; Rev. T. Crosse, C.C., Gortnahoe; Rev. H. Mullaly, Nigeria; Rev. K. Quinn, C.C., Tipperary; Rev. J. Dee, St. Patrick's College, Thurles; Rev. P. O'Neill, C.C., Clonoulty; Rev. P. Fogarty, C.C., Thurles; Rev. M. H. Power, C.C., Killinane; Rev. T. English, C.C., Bansha; Rev. E. Ryan, C.C., Emly; Rev. E. Kinnane, C.C., Pallasgreen; Rev. J. Dillon, Cardiff; Rev. F. Ryan, St. Patrick's College, Thurles; Rev. D. O'Brien, C.C., Bansha; Rev. P. J. O'Grady, C.C., Kilbehenny; Rev. W. Hogan, C.C., Fethard; Rev. Daniel G. Lee, C.C., Fethard; Rev. D. Keogh, C.C., Galbally; Rev. M. J. Lee, D.D., Thurles; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C.C., Herbertstown; Rev. M. English, St. Patrick's College, Thurles; Rev. J. F. English, C.C., Solohead; Rev. R. Barry, Elton; Rev. W. Skehan, C.C., Lattin; Rev. J. F. O'Connor, C.C., Tipperary; Rev. C. Ryan, St. Patrick's College, Thurles; Rev. M. Morrissey, C.C., Tipperary; Rev. T. Mulvihill, C.C., Thurles; Rev. M. Quinlan, C.C., Knockavilla; Rev. J. O'Mahony, Chaplain, Dundrum; Very Rev. V. J. Dinan, C.S.Sp., President, Rockwell College; Rev. T. Gough, C.S.Sp., Kilshane; Rev. T. Cunningham, C.S.Sp., Rockwell College; Rev. W. O'Mara, C.S.Sp.; Rev. E. T. Cleary, C.S.Sp.

Chief mourners were:—Mrs. Margaret Cooke (widow); Miss Rita Cooke, Mrs. J. Towers, Mrs. D. O'Donovan and Mrs. J. Mangan (daughters); Ven. Archdeacon Cooke, P.P., V.G., Tipperary; Messrs. John and Patrick Cooke (brothers); Mrs. Canty and Mrs. Crowley (sisters); Messrs. J. Towers, D. O'Donovan and J. Mangan (sons-in-law); Mrs. J. Cooke and Mrs. Collins (sisters-in-law); Messrs. M. Crowley and T. Carroll (brothers-in-law); Sister M. Teresa, Presentation Convent, Youghal; Sister M. Patrick, do.; Sister Imelda, Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire; Sister M. St. John of the Cross, Good Shepherd Convent, Waterford; Rev. Mother Giovani, Loretto Convent, Kilkenny; Sister Francis, de Sales, do.; Sister Dolores, Poor Clare Convent, Cork; Mrs. P. Purcell, Mrs. M. Cotter, Madam Benscasie, Mrs. P. Meagher, Mrs. P. Cashman, Misses E. Carroll, J. Collins, H. and M. Crowley (nieces); Rev. M. Crowley, Rev. T. Crowley, C.SS.R.; Rev. J. Connety, Messrs. T. Cooke, J. Collins, Dr. M. Canty, Messrs. J. P. and W. Canty, P. and D. Connery, Thomas, James and John Carroll, J. M. D. and F. Crowley (nephews). Relatives—Miss Lil O'Regan, Mothers Patricia and Regis O'Regan, Miss Lena O'Regan, Mrs. Looby, Mr. J. O'Regan, Mrs. Dr. Canty, Mrs. T. Cooke, Mrs. P. Connery, Mrs. J. Canty, Mrs. P. Canty, Messrs. P. Meagher, M. Cotter, P. Cashman and P. Purcell.

Innumerable Mass cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy were received.

MR. LAWRENCE WREN, ABBEYFEALE.

There was a large attendance of the public at the removal of the remains of the late Lawrence Wren, of Dromtrasna, Abbeyfeale, whose death at the age of 72 evoked many expressions of regret in the district. A man possessed of many sterling qualities, no one was more respected or esteemed amongst his fellow-farmers. An excellent neighbour, gentle, kindly and generous, many expressions of regret were tendered to the respected members of his family. The attendance of the public at the interment in St. Mary's Cemetery was large and representative. Prayers at the graveside were read by the Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp., and Rev. J. Halpin, C.C.

MRS. JOHN LANE, KILCONLEA, ABBEYFEALE.

The death of Mrs. Mary J. Lane, of Kinconlea, Abbeyfeale, occurred in her 83rd year after an illness of some weeks. The widow of the late John Lane, she was one of a well-known family in the district, and was much esteemed and respected amongst numerous relatives and friends on both sides of the Feale. There was a very large attendance of the public at the removal of the remains to the Parish Church, as well as at the interment in the old Abbey Cemetery, where the prayers at the graveside were read by the Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. Dr. R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp.; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., and Rev. J. Liston, C.C.

DEEPLY REGRETTED

The death of Mr. William Dalton, which occurred at his residence, Parkana, Athea, on Thursday, the 26th ult., is deeply regretted and heartfelt sympathy is extended to his bereaved mother, wife and family (writes our Athea correspondent). Of a kind, gentle and retiring disposition, deceased, who was only in his early fifties, belonged to a highly respected and widely connected farming family of old stock in the parish. The very large cortege of relatives and friends from West Limerick and North Kerry that attended his funeral to Templeathea on Friday was a striking tribute to the regard in which he was held and bore testimony to the sympathy which his passing evoked. Very Rev. Father T. Connolly, P.P., officiated at the obsequies, assisted by the Rev. Father J. O'Beirne, C.C.

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WET WEATHER AND SUN SPOTS

The summer of 1946 will long be remembered as one of the wettest and most sunless on record. Yet it is strange that the barometer has all along remained high and mostly steady, with only very slight fluctuations up and down.

The sun, when viewed through a smoked glass telescope, shows dark patches on its brilliant surface, which increase and decrease in size from time to time. These dark appearances are known as "sun spots," which is rather a misnomer, as they are really great rifts or chasms in the sun's surface, extending for many thousands of miles.

There is no doubt that these mysterious sun spots have a magnetic effect on our earth's atmosphere. For instance, this is admitted as the cause of the dreadful 'plane accident that occurred near Gander a few weeks ago. This year the spots are larger than usual, hence the adverse effect on our atmosphere, but as they shrink in size, climatic conditions will return to normal.

ERNEST H. BENNIS.

DEPARTURE OF CURATE REGRETTED

For the past three years, during which the Rev. Dermot McCarthy, C.C., was curate of Mountcollins and Tournafulla, his many kindly acts and devotion to their spiritual and social interests endeared him to the parishioners in both places (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). They felt very much his departure a few days ago, particularly from Mountcollins, where the parishioners so fully appreciated his many kind offices while amongst them. Father McCarthy was recently appointed curate of Glenroe, and both he and Father John Browne, C.C., Drumcollogher, who replaces him, are natives of Abbeyfeale town.

KILMALLOCK CIVIL BILL COURT

At Kilmallock Civil Bill Court, before Mr. M. Noonan, B.L., D.J.,

Mary Ryan, Glenlara, Kilfinane, brought a claim for £10 damages for alleged assault against Thomas Sheehan, of the same place.

Mr. M. M. Power, solicitor, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. W. A. Lee, solicitor, for defendant.

Plaintiff stated that she was going to Garryspillane and saw the defendant on her return sitting on a ditch waiting for her. He jumped off and gave her three kicks on the leg, causing a big bruise.

Dr. Ryan, Kilfinane, said he examined Miss Ryan on May 30th and found a leg bruise which would be consistent with a kick or fall.

The defendant said if he knew the plaintiff was coming he would not have come out to the road. He wished to avoid her, as she was continually abusing him and had a bad tongue.

To Mr. Power—He did not deny that the plaintiff may be bruised. He had occasion to go to the Guards several times about her. He took no action, as he thought she might stop sometime. He did not reply to a letter received from Miss Ryan's solicitor.

To Mr. Lee—He caught her hand when she raised a stone to strike him.

His Worship said he believed Thomas Sheehan was a decent man who thought Miss Ryan had a nasty tongue. He should give a decree for £2, with 30/- to Dr. Ryan.

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