

## FOR THE HOME

## Practical Hints

(BY MARY HARDING)

## PRESERVE YOUR BRUSHES.

The price of toilet brushes of all kinds has risen to such alarming proportions nowadays that we must do all we can to preserve them in good condition as long as possible. Ordinary washing in soapy water sometimes has the effect of softening the bristles. A better way of washing them is to put a teaspoonful of ammonia and half-a-teaspoonful of salt into a small basinful of soapy water and to wash the brushes in that. It is best not to press or squeeze the bristles, but to hit the brushes gently in the water in order to dislodge the dirt. Then they should be rinsed gently. Care should be taken that the backs of the brushes are not immersed in water.

## SERVE TOMATOES THIS WAY.

Tomatoes are very plentiful just now and in excellent condition. Choose firm, medium-sized ones and serve them this way. Using a very sharp knife, cut across in halves without going right through the tomato, then do the same across, making quarters, and finally twice again, making eighths. For ease in cutting bring each pair of pieces you are cutting together with the left hand as you cut with the right. If you use the knife very gently, using only the very edge, until you have made the incision, you will not break the tomato. When it is all cut it should open out like a flower, all the petals being still connected at the bottom. Sprinkle a little salt over each and lift carefully on to a plate. They make a good garnish to cold meat, fish or cooked meats.

## THE SEAT OF YOUR SKIRT.

Nothing looks so ugly as a skirt which has developed a bulge at the back. The back of the skirt should be pressed regularly to prevent the bulge from becoming apparent. Turn the skirt wrong side out, place a wet cloth on it, then press with a fairly hot iron until the cloth is dry. This will re-shrink the stretched fabric. To avoid a shiny skirt back, never sit on a bare feather or wooden chair. The flattest of cushion is sufficient; even a piece of thick cloth tied to the underside of the chair with tapes will do.

## REPAIRING WORN LINEN.

If you have worn out a part of your linen and want to repair it, this is how you do it. Using a sharp knife, cut out the worn piece neatly. Place this on the piece which you are going to use and cut out a piece of the same size. Glue the back of the new piece well, then fit it into the empty space and press it down. Let it dry before you allow walking on it. If you match the design carefully, the new patch will hardly show.

## MARROW SOUP

(For four portions.)

Ingredients—1 lb. vegetable marrow (net weight), after peeling and seeding; 1 large onion, salt and pepper; 1 potato, stock or water, a small bunch of parsley, 1 dessert-spoonful flour, a small piece of fat.

Cut the marrow into cubes and chop the onion. Fry them together in a little fat, then put them into a soup pot. Peel and cut up the potato and add this, too, followed by the bunch of parsley, salt and pepper and liquid. Cook till all the vegetables are very well done, then rub them through a sieve. Mix the flour carefully with a little water or milk and mix it with the soup. Cook for about five minutes and serve.

## MINCED MEAT CHARLOTTE.

Ingredients—1 lb. potatoes; 1 lb. minced meat; salt and pepper; 2 rashers of bacon; a little gravy powder; 1 onion—grated; a large cupful cooked, cut-up vegetable.

Cook the potatoes in salted water and mash them smoothly with some of the water in which they cooked. Grease a fire-proof dish. Spread a third of the potatoes on the bottom, followed by half of the meat, onion, vegetables and a rasher of bacon cut into strips. Sprinkle salt and pepper on wherever necessary. Add another third of the potatoes, followed by the second half of all the other ingredients. Mix the gravy powder with some stock or water according to its kind, and pour it carefully over the dish. Spread the rest of the mashed potato on top. Bake in a brisk oven for about half an hour and serve hot. More gravy served separately will improve the dish.

## MOCK ROES ON TOAST.

Ingredients—About 6 ozs. tinned pilchards, 2 tablespoomfuls semolina, 1 tablespoomful vinegar, salt and pepper, water or stock, toast.

Strain the pilchards. Use the liquid, making it up to half a pint with water or stock. Mix this with the semolina, season with salt and pepper and cook it slowly, stirring very frequently, till all the water is absorbed—about 15 minutes. Mash the pilchards and add them to the cooked semolina, followed by the vinegar. Make hot together and spread on toast, garnished with parsley.

## CROPS IN ADARE AREA

In the Adare district (writes our Adare correspondent) harvesting operations are well in an advanced state. Wheat and oats are now all practically saved and yields are well above average.

The beet seed crop, of which there are about 450 acres in the district, is almost all harvested, and in another week, weather permitting, this crop will be completely harvested, and the crops are believed to be much better than last year.

The potato crop is very disappointing and yields are small and scarce.

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## LORRY TRAGEDY

## How Child Was Killed

## DRIVER EXONERATED

Sitting with a jury at Knocknerry Village Hall on Monday night, Mr. M. E. Cussen, solicitor for West Limerick, concluded the hearing of evidence at the inquest into the death of Mary Colum (62 years), daughter of Wm. Colum, Knockaderry, who died as the result of injuries received when struck by a motor lorry, driven by John Hanley, licensed trader, Knockaderry, at Kiltana on 24th April last.

Superintendent M. McKenna, G.S., Newcastle West, conducted the inquiry on behalf of the Garda.

Opening the proceedings, the Coroner recalled that the inquest had been adjourned from the date of the accident after hearing evidence of identification and medical testimony, which was to the effect that deceased died from shock and haemorrhage, caused by fracture of the neck and skull, and that the injuries were consistent with having been struck by a lorry. The medical evidence was given by Drs. Nora and Michael O'Connor, Newcastle West.

The Superintendent explained that since the adjournment of the inquest Mr. Hanley, driver of the lorry, had been prosecuted and tried for having defective brakes on the lorry.

## LORRY OWNER EXAMINED.

First witness called was John Hanley, licensed trader, Knockaderry, owner of the lorry, who said that on the date in question he drove the lorry from Knockaderry to Limerick on business.

On the return journey he had the driver of the lorry, John Murphy, and Wm. Hartnett, with him, and he drove the lorry himself. About 4 p.m., as he passed Abalbin school, he saw children going home from school on the road. He was then travelling about twelve to fifteen miles an hour.

He came to Mrs. Bridget Moloney's cottage at Kiltana, whose house was on the right-hand side of the road coming to Knockaderry, and he was aware that there was no family or children in the house. "As I was

about to pass Mrs. Moloney's house," witness continued, "a child dashed out in front of my lorry from the gateway. She paused as if to turn, and immediately the buffer of the car struck her that instant. I tried to stop and put on the brakes as soon as possible, and I tried to keep the wheel away from the child. I stopped further down and left the lorry glide into the left-hand side of the road. I got out of the lorry and went back to the child as quickly as I could, and I found the deceased lying, partly with her face downwards on the road. I turned the child over on her back and she was gasping for breath, and I came to the conclusion that she was dying. I immediately sent for the priest, and I came to the Post Office at Knockaderry and phoned for the doctor and informed the Guards."

## RAN RIGHT ON TO ROAD.

Mrs. Bridget Moloney, Kiltana, Knockaderry, said that on the date in question, about 3 p.m., three children came to her house—the deceased, Hanna Moran, and Marian Murphy. Witness was very fond of children, and when they asked her for flowers, she told them she had none. One of the children then turned towards the end of the house and said she had flowers there. "At the same time," continued witness,

"deceased turned round and ran right out on to the road. I turned round to see the other children, and I then saw the lorry and heard the brakes pulling up. I knew then that the child was caught. I went out immediately and saw the child lying on the road and saw Mr. Hanley coming towards her."

Witness added that all this happened in a matter of seconds from the time she saw the child run out until she heard the brakes of the lorry.

## SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT DESCRIBED.

Sergeant J. Daly, Newcastle West, deposed that at 4.50 p.m. he visited the scene of the accident, and found the body of deceased child lying on its back on the road, with the feet facing the fence on the right hand side towards Knockaderry. There was a spot of blood on the road, 4 ft. 4 ins. long, leading from the child's head across to the opposite side of the road. The lorry was stationary on the left-hand side of the road facing the village—a distance of 143 feet from the body of the child. There was the sign of a brake mark on the road 5 feet 6 ins. from the left-hand margin, just opposite to where the body was and continuing towards the left rear wheel of the lorry. The road, witness continued, was 15 feet wide at the point of impact, which was pointed out by Mr. Hanley. There was no mark or no trace of blood on the lorry. The body of the child was lying 27 feet from Mrs. Moloney's gateway.

Answering the foreman of the jury (Mr. J. Murphy), who asked if he considered the road dangerously narrow at this place, witness replied that the road was 15 feet wide at the point.

Foreman—Do you consider the road at this point dangerous for motor traffic? Oh! no, Mr. Hanley had a clear view of Mrs. Moloney's gateway for 65 paces back.

Replying to another member of the jury (Mr. J. Liston, N.T.), witness said a driver approaching Mrs. Moloney's would have no view of the yard as the hedge was 4 feet 8 ins. high. When emerging from Mrs. Moloney's yard one was actually on the road at once.

## NO CARELESS OR NEGLIGENT DRIVING.

This concluded the evidence and, addressing the jury, the Coroner said that Supt. McKenna had placed all available facts in connection with the accident before the inquest. Since the adjournment of the inquiry the Attorney-General, to whom all the facts were submitted, had decided that there was no case against the driver of careless or negligent driving. As far as the jury were concerned, they were only dealing with the immediate cause of death, and in the circumstances he suggested that they would return a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict that the deceased child died from shock and haemorrhage caused by fracture of the neck and skull. The jury added a rider exonerating the driver of the lorry, Mr. Hanley, from all blame for the accident.

## SHANAGOLDEN SHOW

## All-Round High Standard Of Exhibits

## COMPETITION IN JUDGING OF LIVESTOCK

## Winners Of Cups And Special Prizes

Shanagolden Show on Thursday, 5th September, attracted approximately 800 entries, which, while representing a slight reduction as compared with last year, was amply compensated for by the high all-round standard of the exhibits on view. The splendid array of exhibits in the Agricultural Section were described as one of the best ever seen in the county by Mr. J. J. O'Carroll, Rural Science Organiser, who also praised the excellence of the entries in the horticultural classes, and described the garden of the Vocational School as beautifully laid out and exceptionally well stocked. The Home Crafts Section, as usual, attracted a magnificent display of entries, while the adjudicators in the livestock classes, which were much extended and generously patronised, were loud in their praise of the exhibits in the sections for dairy cows and heifers.

There was a considerable increase in the number of cattle shown and here, again, the quality of the exhibits was favourably commented on by the judges. A novel and interesting feature in this connection was the livestock judging competition, which was confined for this year to the members of the Show Committee. The choices were in most cases very near those of the actual judges, but Mrs. M. E. Shier's results agreed with them in all cases.

Despite the fact that everyone was very busy at the harvest, there was a big attendance throughout the day.

Most of the success of the fixture was due to the good work of the hon. secretary, Mr. D. O'Connor, B.Agr.Sc., head master of the school, who was ably assisted by a willing band of workers on a committee of which Rev. S. O'Byrne, C.C., was chairman.

## CUPS AND SPECIAL PRIZES.

The cups and special prizes were won as follows:

Show Committee's Cup (for competitor gaining most marks in the Agricultural Section)—Awarded to Mr. Michael Madigan, Shanagolden, Shanagolden Guild, I.C.A. Cup (for competitor gaining most marks in the Home Crafts' Section)—Won outright by Miss Nora Treacy.

Sheaf of Winter Wheat—1, Ward, Creeses; 2, J. Naughton; 3, M. Madigan; v.h.e., T. Treacy.

Sheaf Spring Wheat—1, Naughton; 2, T. Treacy; 3, T. Mullins; v.h.e., M. Madigan.

Sheaf of Oats—1, J. Naughton; 2, M. Madigan; 3, T. Mullins; v.h.e., T. Treacy.

Sheaf of Barley—1, J. Naughton; 2, M. Madigan.

Sheaf of Field Beans—1, M. Madigan; 2, T. Mullins; v.h.e., M. Madigan.

Mixed Sweet Peas—1, Mrs. Walsh, Foynes; 2, Mrs. Asheaton; 3, M. Madigan; v.h.e., Miss K. Tierney.

6 Blooms of Roses—1, Mrs. A. Little; 2, Mrs. M. G. O'Brien, Foynes.

Bunch of Aster—1, Miss C. H. penstall, Inchicore; 2, Mrs. Mulcaire, Asheaton.

Bunch of Antirrhinums—1, E. O'Sullivan, Shanagolden; 2, M. E. Shier, Shanid View; v.h.e., Miss N. Treacy, Stokesfield.

Dahlias—1, Mrs. M. E. Shier, v.h.e., Mrs. A. H. Little.

Geranium in pot—1, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, Loughill.

Plant other than Geranium—Una Ni Riada, Seana Ghualain, v.h.e., Mrs. Nolan, Waterpark.

South Cappa—2, Miss P. Fitzgerald; 3, Mrs. E. O'Shaughnessy.

Pair of Cockerels—1, Mrs. Hurley, Duncaha.

Duck and Drake—1, Mairead Siomoin, Cnoc Padraig; 2, Mrs. Mulcaire, Asheaton.

Goose and Gander—1, Mairi Ni Siomoin; v.h.e., Mrs. M. Madigan.

A.B. Turkey Cock—1, Mairead Siomoin; 2, M. Costelloe, Barrigone; v.h.e., Mrs. E. O'Shaughnessy.

White Hen Eggs—1, Mrs. Treacy, Stokesfield; 2, Mrs. N. Little; 3, Mrs. M. E. Shier; v.h.e., Miss N. Treacy.

Brown Hen Eggs—1, Mrs. Treacy; 2, F. Nolan, Creeses; 3, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Shanagolden.

Blue Duck Eggs—1, Miss Flavin, Riddlestown.

White Duck Eggs—1, Miss Flavin.

White Shanked Chicken (Shank and Trussed)—2, Miss M. Costelloe, Barrigone.

Yellow Shanked do—2, Miss Costelloe.

## HOME CRAFTS SECTION.

Crate of Honey—1, Mrs. M. Langford, Kilcoogriff; 2, J. Griffin.

3, J. Mulvihill, Shanagolden.

Sections of Honey—1, J. Griffin; 2, J. Mulvihill; 3, Mrs. M. Langford.

Soda Bread—1, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Shanagolden; 2, Miss N. Treacy, Stokesfield.

Plain Scones—1, Miss E. Fitzgerald, Craghane; 2, Mrs. N. Treacy, Stokesfield.

Yeast Bread—1, Mrs. N. Twomey, Shanagolden.

Fancy Yeast Buns—1, Miss O'Connell, Shanagolden; 2, Miss O'Connell, do.; v.h.e., Miss N. Treacy.

Sponge Sandwich—1, Miss Fitzgerald; 2, Miss P. Fitzgerald; 3, Miss N. Treacy.

Seed or Maderia Cake—1, Miss Fitzgerald, Craghane; 2, Mrs. N. Treacy, Stokesfield.

Woolen Yarn—1, Miss P. Fitzgerald, Craghane; 2, Miss N. Treacy, Stokesfield.

Apple Jelly—1, Miss N. Treacy, Craghane.

Table Beet—1, M. Madigan; 2, T. Treacy, Stokesfield; v.h.e., T. Mullins.

Outdoor Tomatoes—1, Mrs. A. Little, Foynes; 2, M. Madigan; v.h.e., T. Mullins.

Lettuce—1, T. Mullins.

Vegetable Marrow—1, Miss K. Treacy; 2, J. Griffin; 3, M. Fitzgerald, Barrigone; v.h.e., M. Madigan.

Pens—1, P. McGreal, Briske; 2, J. Mulvihill; v.h.e., Miss K. Treacy.

Old Abbey—1, Mrs. McCarthy, Foynes.