

Gnome victims fight for life

A WOMAN was fighting for her life last night after an accident involving an ornamental gnome.

The gnome's fishing rod scratched her leg as she pottered about her garden—and now she is suffering from the killer disease tetanus.

The 58-year-old wife was inoculated after the accident but the virus still took hold and yesterday she was unconscious in Hartlepool Hospital, Cleveland.

Her husband said: "This should be a terrible warning to all gardeners."

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GNOME SCRATCH VICTIM DIES

A WOMAN who became critically ill after being injured by a garden gnome has died.

The 58-year-old woman, who was not named caught tetanus after cutting her leg on a gnome's miniature fishing rod three weeks ago at her home in Seaton Carew, near Hartlepool.

An anti-tetanus injection did not prevent her developing the disease and she was put on a life support machine at Hartlepool General hospital. A spokesman confirmed yesterday that the mother of two had died in a coma. The infection is believed to have come from horse manure spread on the garden as fertiliser.

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