

## 6. AN OLD COOLING-TROUGH IN FIFE.

Four parishes meet near the Hazelton cross-roads in Fife, viz. Flisk, Balmerino, Kilmany, and Creich.

There is a curiously shaped trough by the well in the north-east corner of the cross, actually in Balmerino parish, which on inquiry was found to have been used as a cooling-trough in the adjacent smithy for a considerable period.

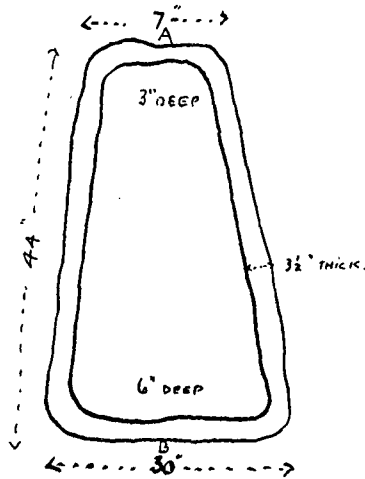
About forty years ago the trough was placed in its present position for use as a drinking-trough, as each cottage then kept a cow.

The stone (see Plan and Section) is similar to a larger one in Balmerino Abbey, probably used in the kitchen to catch dripping when a large carcase was being roasted, and may have come from Creich Castle (one mile) or from Mountquhanie Castle (one and a half miles).

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SECTION OF TROUGH FROM  
A - B



PLAN OF TROUGH

Old Cooling-Trough in Fife (Plan and Section).