

"Canadian Bee Journal." Mr. Taylor will, no doubt, be surprised when I say that I agree most emphatically with nearly all he has to say in his excellent article, even as to the matter of "dog-in-the-manger protection." Let me tell you in confidence that I used to have considerable reputation as a crank who believed in universal free trade. I am sorry to say, though, that after hustling for the necessary things of life on my own account, I have been forced to admit that the times are not yet ready for a propaganda of that nature. In this material age the "Golden Rule" has largely been lost sight of, and I fear often supplemented by the rule, "Do the other fellow as he would do you." But I have almost forgotten to tell why I was glad that note was written. Simply for the fact that it was the means of stirring up the latent talent which we find appearing in Mr. Taylor's article. I shall take the hint, and hereafter, if it should be my lot to scribble for the columns of the "Canadian Bee Journal" I warn you, Mr. Editor, to look out for "Notes" unorthodox and cantankerous in the extreme, in the hopes that some others may get awakened, even if the vials of wrath should be poured out on your humble servant.

Granulation of Honey.

Prof. Shutt's addresses are always interesting. This year's talk was no exception. It is rather surprising that different results were not obtained from his experiments re granulation of honey. While the Professor seems assured that a moderate agitation of honey does not hasten granulation, I feel quite positive that if he tries stirring the honey that granulation will take place much more rapidly than in the case of honey left alone. No doubt there is much room for research yet, from a chemical standpoint, relative to the granulation of honey. Three

or four years ago friend Heise had a 600-pound tank of honey, in which the bottom half granulated solid, the upper half remaining liquid, samples of which are still on hand and have not yet granulated. No, the liquid honey was not thin stuff—Mr. Heise didn't produce that kind of an article; it was thick and clear and of a very mild flavor, noticeably more so than the granulated portion. This and like instances give ample scope for the chemist to experiment with. It is quite a conundrum as to whether to keep honey in the light or dark. In one case you gain in color but lose in quality, and vice versa. "You pays your money and takes your choice." Personally, I would be inclined to sacrifice a little in color and hold the flavor. But, as with the case of the "old lady and the cow," you know, "tastes differ," so I expect the difference is so little that to all practical purposes light or darkness cut but a small figure in the keeping of honey.

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Did ever on painter's canvas live
The power of his fancy's dream?
Did ever poet's pen achieve
Fruition of his theme?
Did marble ever take the life
That the sculptor's soul conceived?
Or ambition win in passion's strife
What its glowing hopes believed?
Did ever racer's eager feet
Rest as he reached the goal,
Finding the prize achieved was meek
To satisfy his soul?

—Selected.

BRANT AND ADJOINING COUNTIES BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

The annual union meeting of the local bee-keepers' associations of Brant and adjoining counties will be held in the Court House, Brantford, commencing 1.30 p.m., January 24th, and closing at noon January 26th. All bee-keepers will be cordially welcomed.

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