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EDITORIAL.

We are sorry to hear that our friend Mr. Levi Brillinger has been under the weather for some time past, but are pleased to hear he is recovering.

We notice a typographical error on page 50 in issue of C.B.J. May 1st., in an article by Mr. D. Anguish, of Southwold. Instead of reading "I sell," it should be "I see." At Mr. Anguish's request we correct it.

Mr. Tom Cooley, of St. George, writes us: "There has been a great loss of bees in this neighborhood during this spring. I only lost two out of the 14 colonies. My first swarm was on June 15th. My apiary is doing well, and is in excellent condition. I take the C.B.J., and like it very well. Find enclosed a list of names for sample copies of C.B.J."

We are pleased to learn from Mr. Frank Benton, who has charge of the apicultural department at Washington, that there are strong hopes of the Government taking hold of the importation matter, and if possible, getting *Apis Dorsata* from India. We hope while they have the matter in hand they will also get us some of their large bees from Timor Papal, Phillipine and if they will only give Mr. Benton full power to investigate we may rest assured some very interesting and valuable information will be gleaned besides. We hope large quantities of very valuable bees will be added to our present supply.

We notice nine columns in the American Analyst in reference to the adulteration of honey. We do not know whether this has been promoted by Professor Wiley, but it evidently tries to prove that almost all the liquid honey sold in the United States is adulterated. We feel satisfied had Professor Cooke examined many of these samples supposed to be impure, a different report would have been the result. If Professor Wiley's chemical analysis are as correct as the statements he made some years ago in reference to adulterated honey, it simply means that all the honey he examined is pure. Honey varies very much according to the source from whence it is gathered. If Prof. Wiley would go to Michigan Agricultural College and study for a few months under Prof. Cooke he would then doubtless be wiser regarding the properties of honey. He has done the bee-keepers of America a lasting injustice. We do not care to say unkind things about our friends but we have long since come to the conclusion that the Professor is no friend to the Bee-Keeper.

A gentleman living a few miles from Beeton called the other day to inform us he had invented a most valuable improvement in connection with comb foundation, and has applied for a patent for the same. From the tests he has made he is satisfied it will revolutionize the business. He described it to us as follows: "I took cotton cloth, dipped it in beeswax, placed it in the hive, and found that the bees actually made cells from it, and after running it through the machine and testing it, found that a very small quantity of wax was sufficient to make combs that would not break down." After relating his discovery he was not a little surprised when we told him that years ago it had not only been tried by ourselves, but also by many others; that when the great Industrial at Toronto was in its infancy we had exhibited for several years specimens of cloth of various kinds, fine wire netting, tin, wood, paper—in fact everything we could imagine to test this matter we tried—that we had failed with the ordinary cotton after fully experimenting with it. As soon as the bees found a