

right glad to get the chance.

"No, you mustn't ask no questions as to why I am still interested in mundane things, or what I be adoin' here, for if you do I'll get called off. It's agin the rules.

"Say, but there is one powerful advantage in a lookin' at things from here, the perspective is most bee-auf-ful. It's plumb funny to see the boys a-tublin over themselves to laud and worship every new star—provided, he looks big enough. Now there's a chap in York State 'lows as how taint possible to overstock a locality, that he's got hundreds of colonies in a spot. Then b'gosh, right in the same breath almost he says that he feeds TONS of SUGAR. Wal there is some truth in sayin' yer can't overstock a sugar refinery location. L'y'e you suppose he'd dare flavor that syrup strong with onions? No, not by the great Horn Spoon.

"Who is he? Ask W. Z. of The "Review." He is responsible for pasting him up in the bee-keepers' firmament.

"The bad part of it is W. Z. endorses the practice, so do a lot of the BIG producers, so do The "Gleaning's" folks. If you will just sort of cast your eye over the writin's of the boys as tells of the big yields, you'll find every durned one of them says they feed early, feed late, feed between times, feed slowly, feed steadily, feed any old way, only FEED. Why say, the boys would tar and feather the chap as would get through a law a compellin' of them to flavor their syrup right up strong.

"Oh, the wickedness of the Korn Syrup folks and the sinful cussedness of the fellers as mixes in a little glucose to keep the honey from candying. Don't you see them fellers is without the ring, they don't belong to the graft. They don't keep bees, they're rank outsiders, they're SCABS. Oh! Oh! Oh! Say, it's just royally blamed funny.

"Bees eat up the feed afore it gets into the surplus crop. You say color it sky blue or flavor it rank, and taste

for yourself. No, don't give one little dose, just feed 'accordin' to the rules,' early, often and always.

"There aint no such thing as 'overstocking' so long as sugar holds out. 'If this be treason make the most of it A-h-h-h-h-h-h!"

A POPULAR FALLACY

Apiarian Counselors and the Press Still Teaching a False Doctrine.

Bee-keeping literature has, ever since the general use of the extractor, been full of warnings about the danger of taking out honey before it is properly cured. These repeated warnings are, and probably always will be, in order and should be reiterated time and again by our periodicals.

In my opinion a serious mistake has been made in many of these warnings—one which materially lessens their good effect. I refer to the idea that materially more honey, such as it is, can be obtained by extracting honey before any of it is sealed over. So far as I know this idea has been treated by all writers as though it were an actual fact, conceded by every one. I believe our editor, Mr. Hill, and myself are the only ones who have ever questioned this idea, and gave warning of the serious injury it was doing. So long as human nature remains as it is, some men will be found, even among bee-keepers who think more of a few extra dollars than they do of right or wrong; and so long as they are told of a way to make more money by wrong methods than by right ones will use the wrong ones without regard to any injury done to others. It is time this idea were sent into oblivion, where it rightly belongs, and where it can do no further damage.

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