

fruit, clover seed and buckwheat, but in their disheartening effect on the men engaged in the industries concerned.

Much, however, is being done by the Department of Agriculture towards restoring a well-grounded confidence in beekeeping as a business by various methods of instruction. (To be effectual this government work must be supplemented by an earnest effort on the part of beekeepers themselves to keep their bees in a healthy condition. American Foul Brood must be reported and treated whenever discovered. So far as is known the race of bees does not affect the virulence of this disease. It is different with European Foul Brood, which simply cannot be cured in common black bees. Those who introduce Italian queens to their colonies

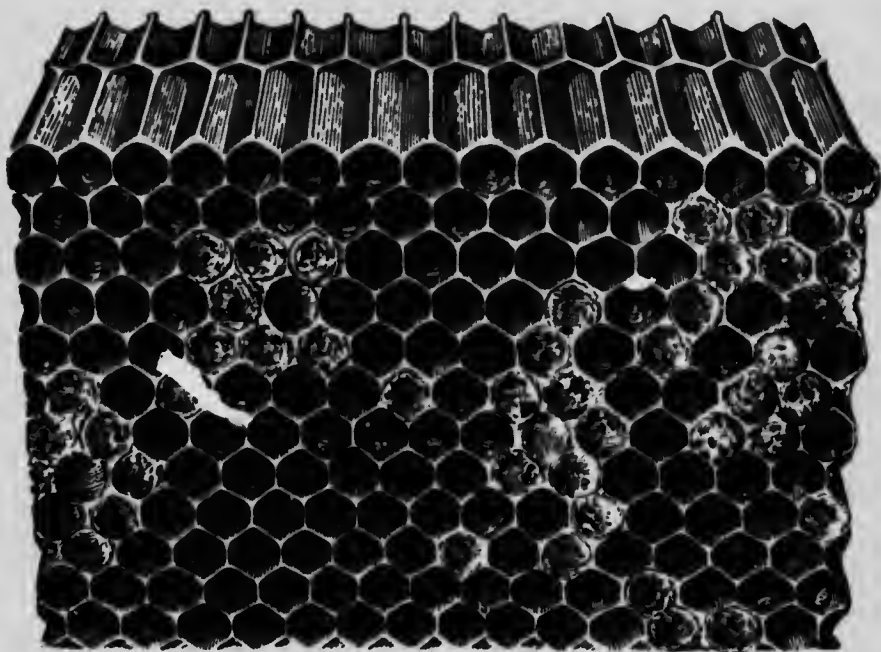


FIG. 1.—American Foul-Brood comb, showing irregular patches of sunken cap-pings and scales. The position of the comb indicates the best way to view the scales. (U.S. Dept. of Ag. Far. Bul. 442.)

ahead of the disease, or even at the time of treating, are saved heavy loss and are able to build up a good business. It is no more possible to check the spread of European Foul Brood among black bees than it is to stop a fire that is sweeping over a town of dry wooden buildings. But as in a fire-swept town progressive men will rebuild better than before, so in the disease-swept counties progressive beekeepers are now making more money than ever by the use of the well-bred Italian bees which they were compelled to adopt.