

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, VT.—I don't know, as I have had no experience, the text books give various plans, any of which may be followed. More or less loss will occur in any case from breakage.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—I sell my whole crop of comb honey in the local market to consumers. Do not remember ever shipping any. You must therefore harken to the shippers instead of me.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—In small—say 25 lb one story crates, with glass on side so that the honey shows. I have shipped honey in this way by freight to New Orleans, that went in perfect order. It is safer to ship by freight than by express, and much cheaper.

JAS. HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—In small sections, in small crates, with glass in each end or side. We have the glass in the end of the crate, but the combs are sideways to the glass all the same. Our crates are always one story, and hold about 12 lbs. We never lose by damage in transit.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—1st. In small crates not much exceeding 25 lbs. 2nd. The sections should not shake in the crates. 3rd. The crates should be loaded on the car so that the sections will be parallel with the track and never across it. 4th. If a large lot is to be shipped put hay or straw on the bottom of the car and load the honey yourself. 5th. The crates must not slide about.

## SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

SUBSCRIBER.—I want to ask through the columns of the C. B. J. the best method of using honey for preserving fruit in the place of sugar. I have been told that honey will not keep if boiled with the fruit. I would like your opinion on that.

Brookholm, August 14, 1889.

Will some of our lady bee-keepers kindly answer the above.

### ROBBING HIVES.

CREEMORE STAR—On Monday of last week some persons were caught stealing honey from Sam Norris' hives. They decamped without getting much, but did considerable damage to the hives. We think an application of "Mothers Slipper" well laid on where it would do the most good, would be a good cure for honey sucking propensities. The affair was settled on Saturday by the robbers paying \$15. Dear honey that.

### HAS FAITH IN BEE-KEEPING.

ILA MICHENER.—The season has been pretty fair here. Clover did not yield very well, but raspberries and Canadian thistles did well, and basswood real well and now the buckwheat is coming in at a good rate, but our bees have about two miles to go for it. Golden rod will be

a good crop too if only the weather continue fine. Bee-keepers may lift up their heads and feel glad again, and let us hope that we will never have such a season again as last. I believe taking one year with another bee culture is as safe a business as one can engage in, only we must learn our business thoroughly and not trust to luck as some do and meet with failure.

Low Banks, Ont.

### KILLED OVER A BEE HIVE.

H. E. Hill sends us the following.:

FREDERICK, MD., Aug. 26.—William Hooper was shot and killed by J. W. Shaw near Highland, this county, Saturday night. They were farmers. The other day Shaw discovered a bee hive on the line between his and Hooper's farm. He began taking the honey away when Hooper objected, claiming that the honey was his. Saturday evening the quarrel was renewed at Shaw's house. Hooper's pistol missed fire. Shaw then got his shotgun and discharged a load of buckshot into Hooper's head.—Buffalo News.

### BEE-HOUSES VS. CLAMPS.

JOSHUA THOMAS.—Please give in CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL your idea of best and cheapest bee house to hold from 100 to 200 colonies. I have abundance of logs of all kinds including hemlock which I can get cut at a saw mill two or three miles distant to any description of building material. Ground not favorable for a cellar. I would have to do building myself. I have hitherto wintered in clamps with indifferent success. I have abundance of chaff for packing but the strongest colonies suffer dysentery and spring dwindling. Weak colonies or middle size coming through better than strong ones. Apart from labor of packing has a bee house any advantage over clamp packing?

We have tried clamp packing in many ways and have had rather the best success in house. The Bray clamp described on page 518 will, we think, give every satisfaction.

Any kind of a building that can have twenty inches of saw dust packed in the side walls and the same amount overhead, built either on the ground or on a wall, will answer, if banked up so no cold can enter. Ours is constructed as described in pamphlet on "Bee-houses and how to build them."

As to the superiority of bee-houses over clamps, it is a disputed question, so many conditions having to be considered that no satisfactory decision can be arrived at. But with proper packing out-door wintering should be successful. One advantage claimed for the clamp is that the bees build up earlier in the spring and are not so liable to dwindle suddenly as those set out from bee house in unfavorable weather.