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EDITORIAL.

A COMPANY formed some two or three years ago called the "British Honey Company," with the object of the purchase and sale of honey, has about succumbed. The *British Bee Journal* says of it:—"We very much regret to announce that we have received a circular intimating that a meeting of the above company will be held at the Charing Cross Hotel on May 10, when the following resolution will be proposed, 'That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same voluntarily.'"

We have received at the hands of E. H. Cook, Andover, Conn., a small book entitled, "G. M. Doolittle's method of rearing queens," the price of which is 15c. It describes his method of artificial queen-rearing very minutely. To be had on application to the publishers.

Something new, in the shape of manufactured artificial comb, comes to us from E. B. Weed, 238 Third street, Detroit. We have only room to mention its receipt here. Another week we shall give particulars.

Our next issue will contain a number of articles from practical bee-keepers on "the best method of preventing increase."

This number will be worth the whole price of the *Journal* for a year, we have no doubt.

The English manufacturers seem to have got a mania for patenting every new wrinkle that comes out. There are no less than four new styles of sections and section foundation fastening arrangements brought out these last few months, all of which are to be patented. With one or two exceptions we think each and every one have been tried in this country and discarded. The arrangement as gotten up by Mr. James Lee shows an inventive genius, but the price will interfere with its general use amongst commercial honey producers. We shall describe the different sections in an early number of the *BEE JOURNAL*, the description to be accompanied with illustrations.

OUR OWN APIARY.

AN UNCAPPING TOOL.

A writer in the *British Bee Journal* speaks of a handy and cheap tool for uncapping combs to be used for stimulative purposes. It will be rather too late to be of service this year, but it perhaps will be considered worthy of being noted for future use. The tool is made thus: "Cut a piece of tin $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{4}$ wide, cut teeth $\frac{1}{4}$ deep and $\frac{1}{4}$ apart. Nail the tin to a piece of $\frac{1}{2}$ wood, 8 by $1\frac{1}{2}$. Shape the end of wood into a handle. The combs need not be re-