

opportunity to destroy what the Jay has left of injured fruit. There is another bird still worse than the Blue Jay. The Bee Martin breeds and multiplies in Southern California, so that in and about an apiary where there are trees they become a great nuisance and destroy large quantities of worker bees. They have a habit of getting in the hive of bees as they come home from the pasturage. The martin on the wing with its mouth wide open hovers in the air taking every bee it can reach; one bird will destroy hundreds of bees in a day. There is another Martin practicing in Southern California that bee men should beware of, is a rare specimen; none like it west of the Rocky mountains—a recent importation. It has a *brodbeck*, is of a *make-entire-ly* different from the ordinary bee martin.

#### Foul Brood Cure.

**W**ING to private grievance and other causes I am unable to do what I intended in printing a paper about foul brood act &c. (at any rate at present) but I will arrange with anyone who has a foul brood hive, within a reasonable distance from Toronto, to let me have same to cure free of charge as a demonstration in view of printing something later. I would take a few from men in different places.

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Mr. Hall of Toronto, as will be seen by the above fancies he is able to cure foul brood. He kindly offers to do it free. We think there are a number who have cases of foul brood not far from Toronto, who should be able to accommodate him, anyone having same might correspond with Mr. H. and see what arrangements could be made in reference to curing them but we are decidedly opposed to shipping foul broody bees about the country, unless specially protected by double wire cloth in transit and we do not think it is fair to other bee-keepers to have them shipped about for experimental purposes, I have before frequently mentioned the great danger attending the handling of them and would be sorry to hear of fresh cases appearing in any person's apiary caused by the experiments of others; at the same time I should like to see every person have the best possible opportunity to test any methods they may have which in their judgment will effect a cure, so long as it does not interfere with the rights or interests of others.

#### Reports.

**M**R. Robert Shaw, of Rosemont, writes us: My bees seem to be crazy in the yard, they are all swarming. These last few days have been excellent weather for them and they are doing splendidly. I had thought that on account of the wet weather it would not be necessary to lay in any supplies but find the weather lately has changed my mind considerably.

#### Decoy Hives—Self Hiving.

**R**EADING in the B. B. J. of May 26th of 'J. T.' setting up decoy hives for his swarms, I notice he does not say if he has ever realized his expectations.

Now, I must relate what took place in my own apiary on Saturday last. Some time since I bought two hives, which I painted and fitted up with comb foundation, ready for swarms. Taking one indoors, the other I left in the garden about twenty yards from my apiary. For some days I have noticed bees going in and out of this hive, but took no further notice beyond thinking that perhaps the comb foundation attracted them. On Saturday morning last, however, there seemed many more than usual, and on lifting off the roof I found quite fifty bees, so in this way they kept possession till about mid-day, when all at once the hive was surrounded by a beautiful swarm. I rang my bell as usual, but the swarm seemed bound for this identical hive, and at once commenced alighting on the roof. When I saw they were bound on taking possession, I merely tilted the roof a little by means of a small stone, when the bees at once commenced crawling in, and in less than an hour they had all drawn in and so hived themselves.

We have had lovely weather, and the bees seem to be doing well. I had three swarms last week, one on the 24th, and two on the 28th.—J. H. DEAN, Brookfield farm, Chestnut, Herbs, June 1st.

A. E. Manum says: "Yes, I sometimes do feed back; and since I got up my new feeder I find I can do so at a profit. I prepare the honey by adding 1/3 its bulk in hot water, by reducing it that much. I find the bees take it much faster than when fed without reducing, and they cap it over much nicer."—Gleanings.

Does Sour Stomach trouble you? Don't take saleratus or any other alkali, but try this: Drop 20 drops of dilute hydrochloric acid into two-thirds of a glass of sweetened water, and take a swallow as needed.—Dr. C. C. Miller in Stray Straws.