

O. G. RUSSELL.—If I had them, and the weather would permit, I would give them frames of sealed honey, if not I would make a candy of granulated or best A. sugar, and place cakes of it on top of the frames directly over the cluster.

PROF. COOK.—If there is room above the frames place a cake of "Good candy" on the frames; or even a cheese cloth bag of granulated sugar on the frames. If no room open carefully on a warm day, if out doors and give them a frame of honey or comb filled with syrup. If in cellar open and do same at any time.

Learning Bee-Keeping Mechanically.

QUERY No. 176.—Can bee-keeping be learned mechanically the same as music, without any natural fitness for the same?

S. CORNELL.—No.

H. D. CUTTING.—Yes.

G. M. DOOLITTLE.—No. If you don't believe it try it and see, setting a musician at it.

O. G. RUSSELL.—No, I do not think one will make a success of it, unless he is naturally adapted to it.

DR. C. C. MILLER.—Yes, you can learn something about bee-keeping or music with no fitness for either, but I wouldn't give much for you in either case.

M. EMIGH.—Yes, just about the same as music. Some people will bring music out of almost anything, while others under more favorable circumstances are a complete failure.

PROF. COOK.—What is "natural fitness"? If it means brains, no. If it means caution, energy and punctuality, no. Any man with ordinary intelligence, caution, energy and punctuality can become a good bee-keeper, unless he is terribly poisoned by the virus of a bee-sting.

ALLEN PRINGLE.—Shades of Handel, Beethoven and Mozart! The idea that music can be learned "mechanically without any natural fitness!" The bones of these dead masters would surely turn in agony in their graves could they catch the sound of this materialistic and "mechanical" philosophy! No, no, my dear apicultural friend; neither music or bee-keeping can be learned mechanically without some natural fitness.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

EXPECTS A BIG SEASON.

W. M. BARNUM.—Bees pretty lively to-day, acting like business; they are "cleaning house" and scouring the country. My anticipations are way up high for the coming season. Shall prepare for unusual heavy honey crop. Friend Jones, you are making the C.B.J. "as good as they make 'em." Don't want to lose a number.

Angelica, N.Y., March 26, '88.

WEATHER BACKWARD IN WISCONSIN.

W. SWATY.—We have 85 colonies in the cellar and all seem to be wintering well so far. Will let you know how they come out later. We intend to keep them in the cellar until natural pollen is to be found which will probably not be before April 20th in this locality this spring as snow is still very deep and weather cold. I take three other bee journals, but I think I could hardly get along without yours.

Ahnapee, Wis, March 26th, '88

THE NEW SURPLUS ARRANGEMENT PLEASES HIM.

JOSHUA BULL.—I am admonished that it is time to renew my subscription for the C. B. J., so here goes the money. Could not think of getting along without the JOURNAL. Why the description of your new surplus arrangements in the last issue is worth a years' subscription to any bee-keeper who wishes to catch on. Since the 1st of January we have had a great deal of cold and stormy weather, the thermometer having been as low as 46° below zero. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, bees appear to be wintering well. From the 17th to 20th of March the weather was quite mild and the bees that were out of doors had a good fly. I have 40 colonies upon their summer stands, and 7 in my cellar; 47 in all. Wintered without loss up to this date, and they are all in excellent condition, except three, which were somewhat affected with diarrhoea, but they also appear to be all right since they had a cleansing flight. Snow is fully two feet deep on the level in this part of the country at this date, and the spring thaw has not yet commenced. When is winter going to retire?

We are anxious for summer to come this way

And scatter cold winter without delay.

Let our bees shall consume all their honey in store.

Before, from the fields they can gather some more.

Seymour, Wis., March 29, '88.

Convention Notices.

The Lambton Bee-keepers Association will meet in the council chamber in the town of Forest on Tuesday, April 10th. All interested are requested to attend.

J. R. KITCHIN, Sec.

KIND WORDS.

I think your invention will be far ahead of the judging from what I can learn from the JOURNAL. It is just what I have been looking for.

E. T. ABBOTT.

St Joseph, Mo.