

being at the head of the Bee Department, would be a splendid man to take some action in this matter.

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We notice the *American Bee-Keeper* has considerable space to Foul Brood in the December issue. While we do not urge our brother editors to keep foul brood constantly before their readers in view of the fact that we are now able to cope with the disease successfully without any medicine, we think it is well to keep our readers thoroughly educated on this subject, as it is one of most vital importance to our success.

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In the *American Bee-Keeper* we notice that Mrs. T. Harrison gives some very sensible advice in reference to wintering bees. We think if we had a few more Mrs. Harrison's to write occasionally on bee matters many of us would be the wiser,

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The holidays will soon be here. What nicer or more suitable present could you give your friends than a good book on bees, or the BEE JOURNAL for one year; for if you induce any one to embark in the business by that means, and he makes a success, what happy recollections will it not bring up of your kindness? A few dollars spent in this way would, perhaps, bring thousands to the pockets of your friends.

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We would like to ask some one who has tried the experiment—whether naphthaline does not injure the honey. We fear any odor so distinct and strong put into a hive would cause the honey to smell or taste of it. Of course if it is only used in the brood chamber, and no honey stored in the sections at the time, it might not injure it; but as honey is very susceptible to odors, we question the possibility of using it when extracting from the combs, or while comb honey is being stored. Perhaps some of our friends who have tested the matter can give us some light on the subject.

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We notice "Rambler" in *Gleanings* has got Dr. Mason behind the bars. Most people when behind the bars look very unpleasant; but the Doctor is one of these agreeable gentlemen who is always

happy, and does his best to make everybody around him happy. This time it is not the prison bars, but the post office bars, and the nicest part of the picture is the comb honey boxes on either side of the wicket. We have held a similar position for over 25 years, but never thought of having boxes shaped like cells.

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While we are writing we expect that some of the most important questions of the day are being discussed at the National Convention. We are sorry that we are unable to be present, but expect to be able to give our readers a full report.

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The Chicago Convention appears to have been a great success, and why shouldn't it, when some of our best and most enthusiastic bee-keepers were present? This week we give Dr. Miller's report, but hope to have a further report for next issue.

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We believe that cork dust is now acknowledged to be the best packing for bees. It is claimed that it neither moulds nor becomes damp. If we remember correctly, Mr. Corneil, of Lindsay, we believe, is one of the first and strongest advocates of its use.

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Since we started to give away Birdseye Views for less than cost—10c. instead of 25c.—our large stock is going down very rapidly. Nearly every mail brings us orders. We would be pleased to have some of our friends send us \$1.00 for 12, to present to their young friends about Christmas.

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If there are any of our subscribers who feel any remorse of conscience for being so far in arrears for subscription to the JOURNAL, if they will just look at the number on the address label they will be able to tell when they are paid up to.

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We have just examined our bees in winter quarters, and find them very quiet; in fact all the hives but two were so quietly clustered that you could scarcely see a move, and the two in question were two that were doubled up. Now doubling up should be done very early, but what are we to do when we have so many queens late in the fall to supply customers?