

the south of us for some time. In Gleanings for Jan. 15th, under the heading "What is Hibernation," Mr. G. M. Doolittle, of Borodino, N. Y., gives his opinions. Gleanings corroborates these opinions. We exhausted the subject in 1886 when under discussion, in an article written by Mr. P. H. Elwood, who drew upon the observations of L. C. Root, Marshall Hall, and others, and "settled" the question for all time to come. The reproduction of this article would doubtless explain to many of our new beginners what Hibernation in a bee really is, and we will reproduce the article if any one wants it.

Our next number will be issued in new clothes. It will contain a frontispiece of four prominent apiarists of Ontario. The issue of the 15th of April will contain a frontispiece of notable journalists in bee literature, and future issues will contain cuts of members of the O. B. K. A. and the N. A. B. K. A. We are making arrangements to have original contributions in every number from practical as well as scientific bee-keepers, and we will endeavor, through the directors of each division of the Province, to let one division know what the others are doing. There is nothing wonderful about the opinions of our subscribers received when mailing subscriptions or renewing, or when making enquiries privately about some knotty point in apiculture. Opinions differ in the estimate of nearly every thing that comes before the observation of mortals, and they differ regarding our BEE JOURNAL. When we receive flattering notices we are prone to carefully fold the creases out of the letter, fyle it away almost reverently, and murmur "that man has a level head." When we receive a *billet doux* abusing us for lack of new ideas in our columns, finding fault because we scissor too much, or scissor too little, we gently loll back in our easy chair and ask ourselves this consoling question "What kind of reading matter would suit these grumblers any way?" But we digress. We are personally acquainted with hundreds of apiarists who are just as capable of contributing articles to a bee journal as the majority of writers on other subjects are, whose weekly or monthly contributions fill the pages of

other journals devoted to some other industry. Why cannot we enroll you on our lists of contributors? Every now and then something crops up that is at variance, or seems to be at variance, with existing theories or facts. The observer is too indolent or too busy to make a note of it at the time. The incident is forgotten. Ten chances to one others have noticed the same exception and would like an explanation. The opportunity to educate each other is gone. In conversation with bee-keepers we are often asked puzzlers. We answer them off hand, and forget about the question, and the answer. We would like in future, if such queries could be sent to us for answer in the C. B. J. We want contributions from the bone and sinew of the bee industry. Our columns are always open for anything pertaining to the "busy bee," and if the space we devote to such enquiries, incidents, or remarks, cannot be made interesting, it will be the fault of our contributors, not ours. Let us hear from every one who reads this.

From American Bee Journal.

What constitutes an Italian Bee.

THE committee of the North American Bee Keepers' Association, on a standard of excellency for Italian bees, reported as follows:

Italian bees must adhere to the combs when properly handled, and not cluster about or rush around and fall to the ground. They must have three bands, of a color ranging from golden yellow to leather color. They must be quiet when well handled, and in time of scarcity must place their honey in a compact shape.

Schedule of marking, in a schedule of 100 points:

- Comb building, 10.
- Honey gathering qualities, 40.
- Prolificness, 20.
- Wintering, 15.
- Gentleness, 10.
- Color, 5.

The report was accepted and adopted.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

The New Method.

I AM still flooded with inquiries. People that know me personally are willing to take my word about the method, but those who do not know me seem to be a little dubious, and how could you blame them when there is only a small per centage of the people who is prepared to accept the method? I will not offer it for sale this Spring, but will give it to a few practical bee-keepers for trial this season, then you will hear what they have to say about it. I think this is the best course to take at present.

St. Thomas, Ont.

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