

Notes and Pickings.

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The question of whether bees carry eggs or not, which has received a good deal of attention through the Journals, is as yet, I believe, unsettled. I want to relate what came under my notice the past season, and will make no assertion as to the eggs being carried, but will leave the reader to draw his own conclusions. While examining some colonies the last spring, I found one whose queen was a very bad "stacker." I killed her and removed the eggs and young larva. I then gave them a comb containing eggs and larva from another colony. This comb was placed second to the division board, this being the brood nest proper. Imagine my surprise upon opening that hive some time after to ascertain what progress was being made, to find a queen cell attached to the division board when the frames were removed. This cell was ready to seal when found. "Do bees carry eggs?" This statement can be attested to at any time by my assistant, whose attention I called to the matter for the express purpose of verifying this statement should I ever make it in print.

The general reports would indicate that the tall sections are more appreciated by consumers than the square ones. I have learned just recently, from a comb-honey producer in this county, that his tall sections were eagerly snapped up at 17 cents, while the square ones went begging at 13 cents. He also says the bees will store more honey in a given time in tall sections than they will in the square. But the "Boiler" in American Bee Journal says Chicago will have none of them.

Two pound sections are made by Geo. O. Morris by taking two one pound sections, putting a sheet of foundation between them, pressing together—Gleanings.

The difference in the value of the honey taken from cappings this year, when compared with the darkened mass taken from the same source in former years, more than paid my expenses to the Hamilton convention. I learned there (from John Newton,) how to prevent honey taken from cappings, when put through the solar, from becoming darkened. Never allow

the sun to strike the vessel containing the honey, and remove it just as soon as it has run down. Thank you Johnnie.

The one great reason why those interested in bees move so slowly towards any given point, is, that so few of them realize the importance of association and combination. Suppose 300,000 are keeping bees in the United States, not more than 25,000 take a bee paper, and not more than 2,000 are members of an organization to forward bee-keepers' interests. Let the apiarists combine, as do the brewers, the dairymen, the grocers and others, and there is hardly any result that may not be attained that is for their interests.—H. F. Moore, in American Bee Journal.

There appears to be a good deal of anxiety felt at present within the fraternity, as to the probability of foul brood being developed through the introduction of a queen taken from a foul brood colony. I think it would be in the interests of all, if the large queen breeders would club together and engage some competent person to make a thorough investigation, on scientific principles. If there is any danger of getting foul brood from that source, the sooner the bee-keeping world is made aware of it the better, and, if there is no danger, the sooner that suspicion is dispelled, the better it will be for those engaged in the breeding of queens for sale.

I had thought that Brother Hasty, of the Review, was my friend, but just look on page 237 of that Journal and notice with what icy chilliness he refers to this department. He says, "Perhaps the advent of Notes and Pickings should be mentioned as a new and interesting feature." He apparently is not quite sure of it. Oh! Bro. Hasty, is that the way you would encourage a youngster when he starts out in great weakness to accomplish something good. I will see to it that I make mention of no more kind words about you until you warm up a little.

In Gleanings, J. H. Martin advocates the use of rubber soles on shoes to prevent the adhesion of honey and wax from the floor of the honey-house. Editor Hall, in referring to this in American Bee Keeper, says, "We can beat that remedy by long odds. Keep wax and honey off the floor." In some honey houses of California, the birth place of Mr. Martin's idea, one would require frequent changes of rubber suits."

That 39 frame super that was mentioned in a former note of mine, must have