

almost every direction, rather tough to acknowledge that we chaps in immediate district have not shared in the good crops. While prospects were never so bright during our experience as they were this year, owing to tremendous rainfall, returns are quite disappointing. Don't think we are exaggerating when we say that during the whole period of clover bloom we had not more than six days that we could walk into the rank fields of al-sike without getting wet to the knees. Soaking rains every day; in fact, we came to the conclusion that the term "local showers," as used in our dailies, meant "showers in east side of York county, and lots of them." Five milés south of us, and the same distance north of us, had not nearly so much rain, and was led to think that if my yards had been in a line north and south, instead of east and west, we would have fared better. However, we are not feeling at all blue, as we intend to feed more than ever this year on "hope," an element which enters largely into the diet of most people who depend on bee-keeping for a living.

Cause of Basswood Not Secreting Nectar.

Basswood bloomed to perfection, and although we had "all kinds" of weather during period of bloom, yet blossom were dry as a chip. No use to say "not enough trees for a crop," as five years ago, with practically same number of trees, a good yield was secured. If we urge that weather was too hot; the year yield referred to was secured the thermometer was up in the nineties every day, and yet bees were falling in the grass at mid-day. On the other hand, while thistles last year would not have a bee on them, this year they are yielding enough to keep bees out of mischief and make work pleasant in the yard. There is something peculiar regarding the at-

mospheric conditions necessary for nectar secretion in different plants that have not yet been solved.

Proper Time to Extract Honey.

While we have always advocated producing well-ripened extracted honey, and endeavor to produce such an article ourselves, yet cannot help but think some well-intentioned writers are too radical in their views when writing on this subject. Would like to see the "knife-went-over-every-inch" man, as well as the "leave-all-till-August" fellow get in their work this year in our section. It has been no easy problem to take off our small crop in good condition, and not have it tainted with the early buckwheat sown around here as a result of the wet season. In a matter of this kind it is well to make allowance for peculiarities of different seasons, localities, etc., never forgetting that what may be applicable to our immediate section may be entirely unfitted for other localities.

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A Cleveland daily announces as something wonderful that a man now living in Canada is going to establish a bee farm in Texas of 480 acres. Even if bees could be confined by fences that would not be a very large beehive. Then the man is going to do what was never attempted before. He is going to import his queens from Italy! They will be so valuable as to be worth their weight in gold—that is about 20 cents apiece, if we take that statement literally. We are further informed that good queens from Italy range in price from \$50 to \$100. What a fine story was spoiled by the ignorance of that writer, when the truth would have served him much better! The whole matter was explained to the editor, but such trifling deviations from the truth do not seem to disturb him in the least.—"Stenog" in "Gleanings in Bee Culture."