

the ball and enter the hive directly. The robber bee that attacks their hive soon gets tired and quit.

The bees of Palestine are a distinctly marked race and their fighting proclivities are doubtless the result of untold centuries of rather rough handling by the various nations that have come in contact with them in the ages past. The American bee-master can in a few seasons work out much of the fighting proclivities of the Palestine bee, without diminishing its business vim and proclivity multiply.—Rural Californian.

Good Management Makes Good Luck.

By G. M. Doolittle.

Out here in the country there has been music all summer long; music from early morn till night; music which has not been made by the tongue of man or birds. It has been the hum, hum, of the busy, enterprising bee-keeper. The bee-keeper's wife, in the midst of her housecleaning, sewing, getting dinner, has often paused to listen to the melodious strain, and content on the rapidly filling section "it is much as usual when things go wrong in these matters, often wondering, perhaps, whether her husband have any "luck" with the bees this year, as she sees visions of new dresses, new furniture, new carpets, new dresses, etc., as they play "hide and seek" in her thoughts. Luck, luck! that is the mystic charm which we hear so much about in connection with bee-keeping by those who have entered into it, and often by the hobby bee-keeper who has been in the business for years. Queer thing! There is not any more luck following the bee-keeping industry than there is in the grocery business or the carpenter's trade. It

means simply what ability you have for work in that line, how much energy you put into it, how much time you devote to it, how enthusiastic you are over it, how many of the little kinks you study into, and what knowledge along that line you have or can acquire, and how you apply that knowledge. At least, that is the way I look at it after being in the bee-keeping industry for nearly thirty-three years. Luck depends on systematic, persevering care and attention. If your bees are left to care for themselves, with an occasional oversight when you have no other pressing work or the hammock ceases to be enjoyable to you, then I venture to say that you will have the usual "bad luck" we hear so much about. Again, give them the care they need, and that regularly and in the right time, the same as you would your pig, that pig which you expected to make outweigh your neighbor's which was born in the same litter, and my word for it, and the flowers secreting honey, you'll have luck that will make your neighbors open their eyes. You cannot expect to have it unless you work for it, for hives open at the top during winter and spring, no thoughts or work about securing a multitude of bees in time for the blooming harvest, no preparation for surplus honey before it comes, and no inspiration in your heart which makes the tips of your fingers itch to be doing something all the while to make the bees prosper in your hands, all tend to make the time near at hand when your neighbors will say: "I told you that A. would never have any luck with bees." Undoubtedly this is where many a beginner has made his mistake; he relied too much on that magic word, luck.

If you have entered into bee-keeping and find yourself too busy to properly attend to them, turn the bee