



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL.

THE *Apiculturist* for June comes to hand in new shape. The type is smaller and the number of pages less. It will in future cost less to publish, but will be filled with just as much and as valuable matter.

We hope to have a favorable report with reference to the receiving of queen bees by mail from the United States very soon.

Shipping Bees Long Distances.

ALREADY, this season, we have shipped quite a number of colonies of bees to distant points. Some to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the most easterly portion of Quebec. We have just now made the largest shipment of bees to a long distance which we have yet tried, having shipped fifty colonies to Manitoba, to a point some distance from the city of Winnipeg. They were all in good condition on leaving here and were put up in Combination hives with a single super on each, over the top of which wire cloth was tacked. We forwarded them by express and to prevent any possible mishaps, sent a practical man in charge of them. We feel satisfied that they will arrive at their destination in pretty fair condition and as soon as we have a report we will publish it in the JOURNAL.

USING OLD FOUNDATION.

WE have frequent inquiries from customers who have carried over a supply of foundation from a former season. They generally wish to know if such foundation will be drawn out by the bees as quickly and with as much satisfaction as if the foundation were newly made. From all experiments that we have tried, and we have used foundation that has been one and in some cases two years old, by putting it in a dry, airy place and keeping it as little exposed to the air as possible it will answer the purpose just as well as new foundation. Of course, before being given to the bees it requires to be warmed up slightly; they will then work it out with more satisfaction than if given to them cold and brittle. It can be warmed very easily by putting it in fairly warm water for a few minutes. The water should not be over 95 to 100 degrees.

CHESHIRE'S BEE AND BEE-KEEPING.

CHAPTER X.—WINTERING.

OF wintering generally the author says: "Setting on one side the misfortune of disease or the accident of queenlessness, the fatalities of winter may be put down, in nearly every instance, to one of four causes—paucity of bees, insufficiency of food, want of proper protection, and errors." Counting the two chances along with the four, covers