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HONEY DEW.

We have received from G. W. Ferguson, of Lambeth, a small bottle of stuff gathered by the bees in his section, for which he wants a name. One taste decides us in the opinion that it is a pretty strong sample of Honey Dew, though a little different in taste from any we have yet come across. We have placed it on exhibition with our other curiosities.

A SLIGHT CHANGE.

At the request of Friend Garwood we have made a slight change in his advt. this week, and we wish just to call your attention to this change. We expect to have a model in a few days and may be able to say something more about it.

BEESWAX.

The demand for foundation is such that we have reduced the price for brood to 55 cts. and section 70 cts. Beeswax is only worth 37½ cts., delivered here at the present time, and till further notice. So many bees are dead, and so much wax is offered that this is the best we can do for the wax. We have a large lot of wax on hand.

BACK NUMBERS.

We presume that most of those who subscribe along toward the outset of our publication, will want back numbers and with this idea in view we are printing each week a number in excess of what is actually needed. When ordering please be sure to say whether you desire the back numbers or not, and if you have received the first two or three tell us which you have and we will send you those intervening.

HONEY AND BEESWAX MARKETS.

Friend Muth, of Cincinnati, O., has generously promised to keep us posted on the prices of honey and beeswax in his section of the country, and just as fast as possible we will arrange to have reports of the markets in all large points in Canada and the U. S., also in Liverpool and London, Eng. We would especially commend the system of marketing honey which Friend McKnight writes of on page 52 (issue of April 22nd) as being the one best adapted for all beekeepers for years to come.

AMERICAN DRAFTS.

We must ask our friends in the U. S. not to send us drafts for small amounts, unless they include sufficient in the drafts to cover cost of exchange here. It costs 25 cents to get any kind of an American draft or cheque up to \$100, cashed at any of our Canadian Banks, and on a draft for \$1 we have to pay just the same as on \$100, and on that small amount, it is too much to pay. If the amount be enclosed in U. S. currency or stamps (for fractions of a dollar,) and registered we will agree to run the risk of safe arrival. Money orders cost nothing for us to get cashed, and where it is practicable, that is a good way. Unless they charge less for drafts there than they do in Canada, it will pay far better to get a money-order than buy a draft.

OUR OWN APIARY.

On the 20th of April we set our bees out from their winter quarters, or at least a large number of them. As we had no room in our bee-houses for all our colonies last fall, we packed a number out of doors, in different ways, to test the difference in results between colonies wintered outdoors and those wintered indoors. Those which were packed and left outdoors we will report on soon, we have not yet completed our examination of them all, but thus far they appear to be in very good condition, in fact one of the clamps containing about fifty colonies, was stronger apparently than when packed in the fall, many of the colonies having brood hatching and very few dead bees in any of them; hives and combs dry and free from mould, and bees in extra fine condition. All were alive with the exception of a few that died apparently from starvation and a few queenless. There were some colonies placed in winter quarters which were too weak in bees to keep up the temperature necessary to successful wintering either indoors or out. A few of these succumbed. At one of our bee-farms, where we had about 250 colonies, part were packed in clamps and part indoors, one of those packed in the bee-house died from starvation, the rest we set out in much finer condition than it has been our pleasure to have them for a long time. Those packed in clamps were in about equally as fine shape, but several were found to be queenless, and two colonies at one end of the clamp where the rain had wet the packing, died from that