

wood stage of Mr. Rayner's splits across the grain very frequently, and is thus spoiled. I am doing no injury to Mr. Rayner by stating this as he never makes a cent out of bee-keeping by his inventions. The price of these feeders is half a dollar, doubtless you have many as good and as cheap. My only thought is to give you an account of what is in general use here. There is a legion of other kinds but these are "regulation" feeders. I had the pleasure of showing them to Mr. Corneil, perhaps he will say what he thinks of them in your columns. "Extract him," Mr. Editor!

Friend McKnight's letter made me laugh. My coat is still intact and so is my temper. I require no tailor as yet. For Dr. Mason's benefit I have had my weight taken once more; it is 174 pounds, but the Dr. won't tremble I am sure. Big animals are always generous.

I am watching with some amount of interest how you are going to keep up an English market for your honey, as I want to see if there is sufficient cohesion amongst you for you to all act together. I am certain there is only one way in which you can send honey here at a profit and that is, as "run" honey in large bulk to be treated with by some one here whose integrity is above suspicion. Probably you will not value my advice until you have paid for learning, but I see by "Peak-a-boo's" letters how far I had anticipated the difficulties the commissioners had to contend with at South Kensington.

I intended to say a word about "brood-spreading" but must let that stand over till next time as I see the time draws on for bed and I have yet two Editors, like the daughters of the horse-leech crying, "give."

AMATEUR EXPERT.

England, April 21st, 1887.

We must thank our English correspondent for the drawings of feeders which we present herewith. It will enable our readers to judge of the difference in the various implements used in connection with the apiary in England and here. The English bee-keeper seems to care less for the cost of his supplies than does the Canadian; the main object is to get a good thing. It will also give them an understanding as to how nicely all things are taken into consideration in English inventions. Canadians would never think of taking the trouble to arrange a feeder so that they might know how many bees could "load up" at a time.

We are glad that you emphasize your objections against putting honey into

zinc or galvanized vessels. It is a custom which we are glad to say has not gained very great headway with us, and it is at the present time pretty well stamped out. As Mr. Corneil has had the pleasure of examining the feeders we will ask him what he thinks of them. We know he thinks a good deal of "Amateur Expert" anyway. Our Canadian friends will see by your letter that you over in England, think just as we have been trying to tell them, about shipping honey to the English market, and the advice you have given has already been acted on by the O. B. K. A., who think that "in bulk" is the only way that honey can be shipped to advantage.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

MORE THAN PLEASED.

PETER MCLEAN.—Enclosed find my subscription to Vol. 3. The JOURNAL has fulfilled more than my expectations. May it also prove remunerative to you.

Sand Point, Ont., April 26th, 1887.

LIKES ITS STYLE.

REV. D. PATERSON.—Enclosed find my subscription for Vol. 3, with much appreciation of your JOURNAL, and of the wit and wisdom, candor and kindness with which it is conducted.

St. Andrews, Que., April 15th, 1887.

HOW MANY COLONIES DID FRIEND VOGT HAVE LAST FALL?

JOHN B. VOGT.—I am an amateur, and am only experimenting for my own pleasure. I have lost three hives wintering, and if I had another one I would have two.

Wroxeter, April 25, 1887.

W. A. JONES.—Last fall I put thirty-one colonies in my bee-house, and on April 11th, I took out twenty-nine, losing two. My bees came out in very good condition considering the way they were put away for wintering. I noticed on the 20th of April my bees were gathering in pollen pretty fast.

Caledonia, April 23rd, '87.

J. M. CRUICKSHANK.—I went into winter quarters with nine packed in chaff and am glad to be able to report all alive, some of them very strong. I found two lacking stores about the first of April, I ran maple sugar into wired frames and hung in the hives and they are doing nicely at this date. I like the C. B. J. just splendidly.

Lyons, April 25th, '87.

C. THEILMANN.—My bees have come through the winter fairly with a loss of four colonies out of 197, I set them out on summer stand on April 1st. The weather since has been unfavorable for