

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By a York County Bee-Keeper.

Position of Hive Entrances Relative to Yield of Honey.

Some time ago a well-known European bee-keeper conducted experiments in the line of having entrances in different parts of the hive. He reported that when the entrance was made between the super and the brood nest that five times as much surplus honey was obtained as was the case when the entrance was at the bottom of the brood nest. This past season the experiment was carried on again, and it was found that when the entrance was made at the top of the super, under the end of the cover, that the yield of surplus honey was even more than when the entrance was between super and brood chamber. Had these experiments not been carried on by well-known apiarists we would not take time to comment on their remarkable statements. No explanations are offered as to the "why and wherefore" of results obtained. Certainly every one so inclined can easily try a few colonies in the manner suggested and prove the matter to their own satisfaction.

"Rights" of Subscribers to Bee Journals.

Mention was made quite recently by the editor of one of our journals of a conversation overheard between two bee-keepers in attendance at the national convention at St. Louis. One contended that as the subscriber had paid for the paper he was, in a measure, entitled to dictate to the publisher what he should print. The other thought that the paper belonged to the publisher; the subscriber subscribed of his own free will, and if he was not pleased with the paper he could have

it discontinued at any time. While inclined to agree with the latter idea, yet in a measure the former opinion deserves some consideration. A point in question. Just now one of our journals for which I entertain the highest esteem as regards its editorial ability, persists in allowing in one of its departments whole columns of language bordering on the bar-room type. Now would I be justified in discontinuing the paper, or have I a right to expect the publisher of said paper to stop printing stuff that I regard as not fit matter to come before the eyes of my children? In fact, nine-tenths of the parents of the land would reprove their children at once if they heard them using some of the "stuff" I have alluded to. It seems to the writer that in a case like this the editor has a "right" to consider the "rights" of his subscribers.

Bees Crosser Some Seasons Than Others.

Dr. Miller, in *Gleanings*, wonders if bees are not crosser in some seasons than others. Sure thing; and this scribbler wishes to say that, contrary to orthodox teachings, his bees are cross just about in proportion to yield of honey. The larger the crop, the crosser the bees every time. To be sure, this statement does not apply to a time of total dearth of nectar, if bees are handled so as to excite robbing.

That "Popular Fallacy" Again.

Referring to Mr. Poppleton's article, copied in C. B. J. for October from A. B. J., Dr. Miller says: "Might be rather severe to say so, but it looks as if the man who puts on the market some of the unripe stuff to be found there is not only dishonest, but a fool as well to spoil his market without any compensating gain."

Sugar Syrup Versus Honey as a Stimulative Food.

Herr Reidenbach, a European authority on apiculture, contends that, while sugar syrup is all right to winter