



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

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## EDITORIAL.

OUR premium offer of virgin queens expired with the first of May, but we occasionally yet receive requests for queens when new subscriptions are received or renewals are sent in. We presume that those who make requests have overlooked the fact that subscriptions were to be sent in by a certain time. It would be impossible for us to continue the offer of premium queens. We could not afford to furnish virgin queens throughout the entire season. At the present time it costs more to rear queens than early in the season, and we only rear sufficient to supply our demand for mated queens.

We shall be offering something good in the way of a premium a little later on, also valuable inducements to club raisers.

J.C.W. asks "will bees go one hundred feet from their hive enter a barn on another lot and sting a horse, and do this same thing frequently." We have never heard of them doing such a thing and do not believe they would. Bees will not enter a building to sting anything. If annoyed by an animal in the yard they might follow it into a building but not otherwise. Further he wants to know if a sting on a horse will swell up half the size of a man's hand," and we must say we have never known it to do so. If you have a neighbor

whose horse is troubled with such swellings our opinion is the cause is trouble from other sources than the bees.

### How to Keep the Clark Smoker Going.

SOME of the friends who have purchased Clark smokers from us have complained a little about them not going well, so we subjoin the following paragraph from the last number of Gleanings. As friend Root makes probably more smokers than any one else in the world he is likely to know just how to make them work. For ourselves we use our No. 2 smoker merely because it holds more fuel than No. 3, and not because of any difference in construction.

I notice that our friend Dr. Miller has some trouble with his smoker going out. As he fills his smoker in much the same way that we do and as our smoker never goes out after being set fully going, I must lay the difference to the fuel. We use a kind of excelsior, such as I have before explained, that comes from the hand-holes of hives and crates. It is a rather spongy sawdust, lasts well, and, I think, never goes out when once fully lighted. Dr. Miller's plan of filling the smoker now is, I believe, the same as ours. We grab up a handful of the excelsior, after having made sure that the grate is clear, shove it into the fire-box, and cram in as much as we can, till we have quite a solid mass of packed sawdust and excelsior mixed. We then, with the point of a pencil or with the end of the finger, punch a draft-hole centrally, clear through the fuel. A match is lighted and