

are fully as prolific as Italian queens. Carniolan bees are a good deal inclined to swarm, but with good management this tendency can be held in check.

Cyprian bees are uncertain in temper and require careful handling. Tested in my apiary, Cyprian bees reared so much brood after the honey-flow, that very little honey remained for wintering, and they dwindled more in the spring than any of the other races that have been mentioned. These undesirable features showed themselves after crossing with Italians and blacks. Cyprian bees more readily develop fertile workers than the other races mentioned, a particularly troublesome tendency in a queen-rearing apiary. In consequence of the above faults I have decided not to breed Cyprian bees in my apiary. By breeding queens from colonies that do not swarm we may reduce the swarming tendency. In the writer's experience, Italian queens that have been bred for many generations in this way show marked disinclination to swarm compared with ordinary black bees.

LITERARY NOTE

It has been said that "Success Magazine" offers a liberal education in the affairs of the world. This is particularly true of the May issue, which contains much interesting and instructive material of universal interest. The leading article, by Vance Thompson, is the first of a series on "Noted Diplomatic Mysteries," which this author is writing for "Success." In this instance Mr. Thompson has written in his inimitable style of the young king, Ludwig II. of Bavaria, and of how Bismarck's statecraft separated Wagner's betrothed friends. "The Limitless Power of a New World-industry," by Frank Fayant sets forth the claims of the automobile as a factor for

hygienic conditions, etc. An excellent description of the fierce warfare that has been existing in the West for years, between the stockmen and the settlers, for the exclusive possession of Uncle Sam's free pastures, where millions of head of live stock are feeding, is given by J. D. Whelpley, in an article entitled "The Long Fight for Free Grass." "The Advance in the Cost of Living" is the subject of an article from the able pen of David Graham Phillips. Among the fiction is "Annabel's Blue Dressing Sack," by Charles Battell Loomis, a humorous story about a struggling author upon whom Fortune suddenly smiles, "The Jawbone Nugget," by the well-known writer Phillip Verrill Mighels, and an installment of the serial story, "Guthrie of the 'Times,'" by Joseph A. Altsheler. There are new poems by Joaquin Miller, Holman F. Day, and Nixon Waterman, a sketch of John L. Bates, the governor of Massachusetts, by Ridgely Torrence "Little stories about the Late Jean Leon Gerome," by Test Dalton, an article on "Vitality and Success," by Dr. W. R. C. Latson, and Part III. of "How the Twig is Bent,"—the conclusion of Marion Foster Washburne's able papers on child culture. There are other interesting articles by Garret P. Serviss, Arthur E. Bostwick, Clifford A. Holt, Hosmer Whitfield, Kate Sanborn, on the cultivation of vines, a criticism of the books of the month by Arthur Stringer, and a fashion department, conducted by Martha Dean, in which are portrayed the newest styles. There is the usual editorial, by Dr. O. S. Marden, the subject of which this month is "Has Your Vocation Your Unqualified Approval?"

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