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## EDITORIAL

WE are fortunate this week in having from both Mr. Clarke and Mr. Pringle reports of the "honeyed interests" at the late meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute. Both are well written and will be read with interest and profit.

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From A. Leroy, editor of *Le Rucher*, an apicultural monthly published at Amiens, France, we have received a very fine varnished lithographed label  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ , suitable for the manilla cartons or pasteboard boxes, which are common in this country, and for which we designed the label used here almost exclusively. The sample received is gotten up after the same design as our production, the wording "Rayor Blanc de Miel" meaning "White Comb Honey." The paper used is somewhat heavier than our lithographers used and the work seems rather better done.

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Ventura county, California, has a foul brood inspector in the person of L. E. Mercer, San Buena. He is appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and his expenses are paid by the county.

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Our bees are in good shape thus far, only one hive showing any sign of dysentery. The thermometer stands at 42 to 45 degrees right along.

THE BEE JOURNAL will likely reach its readers later than usual last week, owing to the stoppage of the train by the heavy storms of the last week.

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A. I. Root struck the nail on the head when he said: "The great tendency with breeders is to run for color, i.e., 'nice yellow bees,' 'four-banded bees,' etc. What we want is not color, not bands, so much as bees for business—bees that will produce big crops of honey." This is the doctrine we have been preaching for years, and we have had so many grumbling because they didn't get bees "as pretty as a picture." Our reply has been "wait and see what kind of honey-gatherers you have got." The end of the season generally found them pretty well pleased. We repeat, we don't care a fig for color or bands; it is honey we are after.

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We have overlooked acknowledging the receipt of G. M. Doolittle's "Method of Rearing Early Queens," published by E. L. Pratt, Marlboro', Mass., the editor of the new bee paper the *Queen-Breeders' Journal*. The price is five cents, and the little pamphlet will be found well worth it.

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After considerable unnecessary delay in the Customs, the copy of "Langstroth Revised" sent us for review by the publishers, Messrs. Dadant, has come to hand. We will notice it in next issue.