

HOW TO FILL EMPTY COMBS WITH SYRUP.

Mr. Hooker in the British Bee Journal tells us how to fill empty combs with syrup. He says:

"Bees are given too much work to do too late in the year. They might be saved a lot of trouble if good combs filled with syrup were supplied to them. A ready method of filling the combs was to take a box which would hold three or four and put the combs therein, and slowly pour syrup through a tube into the bottom of the box. If done slowly, the food would rise by degrees, and as it rose the air would be ejected from the cells, which would fill with syrup."

We see no reason why this plan might not be adopted with profit to bee-keepers. The combs by this method after being lifted out of the dish, would have to be placed in a hive to drip or hung on a rack with a dish under them to catch the drippings. Our way of filling combs with syrup is to hold them slantways and pour the syrup on, filling first one side and then the other. The filling can be done very rapidly in this manner. The vessel from which you pour the syrup, however, must be held high enough above the combs to cause the air to be driven out of the cells by the fall of the liquid.

GOOD NEWS AT THE HOME OF THE HONEY-BEES.

Just at the last moment as we go to press, all things are brought to a standstill to announce the advent of a grandson to the founder of the Home of the Honey-bees. Ernest is going around full of smiles, and is as proud as—well, as proud as a young man ought to be when he first feels the thrill of being father to an eight-pound boy. He arrived Easter Sunday, March 29.

A. I. R.

We gladly give place to the above item as we have never had to occupy space in our own journal with a similar notice about ourselves. We congratulate E. R. R. on being a pa, and A. I. R. on being a grandfather, and we trust that the boy may prove to be as great a public benefactor as A. I. R. has been and E. R. R. gives promise of being.

ADVANTAGE OF YOUNG QUEENS.

Dr. Millar seems to be afraid of hiving swarms without using full sheets of foundation for fear of drone comb. With young queens and proper sized brood chamber, we are not troubled in that way. We wonder when bee-keepers will learn all the advantages of young queens.

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The April number of the *Api* has much information regarding queens, and queen raising.

Orders are arriving rapidly for cases for packing bees in the spring. We are glad to see our friends taking hold of this matter.

We should like to see all the Bee Journals trimmed. It is very inconvenient when reading such interesting articles as Bee Journals usually contain, to have to use our knife before finishing.

We shall be glad to hear from any one having beeswax for sale, and will be pleased to give you our best prices by return mail; or should you know of any one who has it, kindly advise us.

We regret to state that the index for Volume VI., which was promised with the issue of April 1st, is not yet ready, unforeseen circumstances having delayed its preparation. We hope to have it ready shortly, however.

Mr. Heddon thinks too highly calendered paper hard on the eyes to read. We fully agree with him, it may suit some eyes admirably, but we frequently have to lay down journals printed on very highly calendered paper at night, and take up something printed on a different surface.

We have had enquiries from some of our friends in reference to boxes for strawberries and small fruit. Will some of our friends give us their lowest quotations for such boxes. As many of our beekeepers grow small fruits, we think it would be to the advantage of manufacturers to advertise in the BEE JOURNAL that our patrons may know where they may be procured.

We can supply perforated zinc in any quantity, having just received a very large shipment of the different widths. We shall be pleased to fill your order by return mail. Last year we made a very large number of smokers, but did not anticipate the demand for our popular smoker was going to be so great, and we were sometimes forced to delay orders on that account.