

honey flow accomodate itself to the storage you may have. Therefore "be always ready."

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF BEING STUNG.

So sure as you go about in a nervous, half-frightened, twitchy manner, just so sure will you be stung by the first bee that you run against. If you have *less dread* of being stung, you stand a much better chance of escaping without such than if you tremble at the approach of a bee. *The Record* gives some very useful hints in the direction of "courage" in the bee-yard. They are written in the concise way of Mr. Carr, and he goes on to say that you must be careful not to bang the bees about (as some bee keepers are unfortunately prone to do) nor handle them roughly when manipulating. Protect yourself securely with a bee-veil; if possible wear no gloves, and proceed leisurely with your work, avoiding killing or crushing the bees. If by chance you get stung on the hands, don't start! or drop the frame you are handling; quickly remove the sting by scratching it out (do not try to pull it out, because you are only pressing the poison sac and injecting a greater quantity of the poisonous fluid into the wound) and try to *forget* it but go on with your work. It isn't easy to forget it did you say? Well, perhaps not, but you'll soon get used to the pain and you can then do so the easier. So much depends upon the temperament and manner of the operator that some persons can handle bees with ease, while others irritate them beyond measure, by their sharp, jerky method of manipulating. Just try to become sting-proof so far as your hands go, but always have your veil so fixed that you have behind it a feeling of security, no matter if a hundred angry bees are buzzing around your face. This security gives confidence, and confidence is just what you most need. Don't mind a chance sting on your hands, then the probabilities are you'll be but seldom stung. If you are always expecting a "prod" you'll most surely get it. A banker in our town used to say to his customers when they came in with stories of their great *expectations*, but without sufficient cash to meet their

requirements: Blessed are they that expect nothing, for verily they shall not be disappointed." So it is with the "sting" business. If you don't expect it you are not nearly so likely to get it.

HEATHER SEED.

OUR readers will remember the discussion and remarks in some late numbers of the BEE JOURNAL, with reference to heather. Mr. Raitt at that time wrote that he had never seen the seed for sale, nor had he any idea where it could be obtained. Our mind was filled with despair at that time, when we learned that there was no chance of obtaining any of the seed for experimental purposes, but the following letter "sets us right up" again, and we are at last going to try what can be done:—

Rannoch Lodge,

Rannoch, Perthshire, Scotland, March 26th,
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Having seen a notice in our *Bee-keepers Record* that you were very anxious to procure heather seed to sow in Canada for the production of heather honey, and seeing that I was in one of the best localities in Scotland for heather, I thought I would try and procure some for you, so I accordingly got some workmen and set to work. I soon found it was no easy task to gather it, but on the contrary a very tiresome and tedious job. However, I persevered, and managed to get a few ounces of the seed which is very small and which kept us several days gathering before we could get a single ounce put together. One ounce of seed ought to sow a large patch of ground, if properly sown, I have no doubt that heather will grow equally as well in America as in great Britain, for it can be proven that heather will both grow and bloom splendidly in loamy soil, where no manure has been recently applied, although many people think that it will not grow except in peaty soil. This is a mistake, and I think it is well worth a trial in America. Should any of your friends think of trying it, I can let them have the seed, dressed, and ready to sow, with full cultural directions at twenty-one shillings per ounce. You may be inclined to say that this is a very high price for an ounce of seed, but when you consider the time and labor required in gathering such a number of small seeds I think you will find the price reasonable in the long run. If you will kindly let your bee-friends know