

fluid, and read a paper before the Royal Society of London on the remarkable emulsifying properties of the pancreatic fluid on fats (hydro-carbon, same as wax).

Now, Mr. Editor, I don't know. I only assume that this same pancreatic fluid may act on wax the same as on the fats. It is this wonderful emulsifying action of this peculiar fluid that may counteract any ill-effects of wax eaten with honey, for no one seems to complain of indigestion through eating the wax, and it might have been this same emulsion that cured Mr. Hutchinson's friend of constipation by increasing the peristaltic action of the bowels.

But why concern ourselves about the digestibility of the small portion of wax eaten, when no ill-effects are reported. Comb honey is the perfection of creation as pertains to bee culture. No man who is interested in his bees and their works can but appreciate and admire a section of well-filled honey. Its aroma, its snowy capping, its wonderful fabrication, its secret origin from within the innermost recesses of the Floral Kingdom, should, and must, appeal to his finer sentiment and appreciation of Nature's works. It's an immaculate production, fit for the gods.

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[We appreciate Mr. Robinson's opinion very highly in connection with this controversy re the digestibility of wax. What he says looks like a solar plexus blow upon our rash selves. However, we will await the opinion of others. It would appear that at present there is nothing absolutely definite known.—Ed.]

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PRICING AND GRADING OF HONEY

Mr. Deadman Replies

If I thought your readers would like the discussion on Coöperation in the Sale of Honey continued, I would be pleased to reply more fully to Mr. Chrysler. I will only take space if possible to make it plain as to why the grading of honey becomes a necessity when handled by a Coöperative Association, and not when sold direct to either the wholesaler, the retailer or the consumer. We will suppose that Mr. A and Mr. B have honey to sell. Not belonging to an association, they sell it direct. Mr. A's honey may be better than Mr. B's, but no matter—each sell their honey and get what they asked. If Mr. A gets one cent or more per pound for his honey, it is no business of Mr. B's; each sell their honey on its own merits, and no grading is necessary, because the buyer buys it for what it is. We will suppose another year Mr. A and Mr. B join an association. Mr. A still produces the best honey. Now I would like to know how an association can do justice to Mr. A without grading his honey as better than Mr. B's, and the more there are that join an association, the more grading will have to be done, and it would become more and more difficult to do this satisfactorily. So in answer to Mr. Chrysler's query, Who grades it now? would say it is not graded except as between the buyer and seller, and no one but themselves need be concerned about it. I cannot see why this should be so hard for Mr. Chrysler to understand. It is because of this necessary grading of honey by an association that a coöperative association would be impracticable. A bee-keeper who produces only a first-class article would never be satisfied to have his honey put on the same level as some that was inferior, and for this reason there would be very few first-class producers to join.

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