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EDITORIAL.

A correspondent asks us, after reading what was said on page 282, last issue, whether Inspector McEvoy, "practises what he preaches" with respect to the disinfection of hives which have contained colonies afflicted with foul brood; and if not, how he can act under a law which orders that "all hives, etc., shall be disinfected." It would certainly be satisfactory to know what Mr. McEvoy does do, in the face of his expressed opinion that the continued use of such hives is harmless, and we hope he will tell us all through the JOURNAL. We have no fault to find with Mr. McEvoy's treatment so far as it goes, but we do say that he does not go far enough. We had never thought of this matter of disinfection until our attention was thus called to it.

Mr. T. Bonner Chambers has illustrated in the last issue of the *Record* a new joint for hive making—or rather what he considers as a new thing. It is, however, exactly the same style of tin corner as we have used in our section crates for years. We have always

found it to work admirably in there but we have grave doubts as to its being of any practical value for hive corners.

The attempts which have been made in England, says the *British Bee Journal*, to establish companies having for their object the buying and selling of honey have been singularly disappointing in results, and have all ended in more or less failure. It does seem unfortunate that in a venture with all the advantages of a directorate of business men, and an abundance of capital, but mainly from the want of a good steady and reliable supply of good British honey, it should be found necessary to wind up the concern after a few year's working. The B. B. J. is thus forced to admit reluctantly that honey companies will not pay—at least *not yet*. It deprecates any further attempts to infuse vitality into ventures of this kind. If the main cause of the suspension of these companies was a lack of good British honey, why was that want not supplied by the purchase of *Canadian* honey, surely our English friends are not too selfishly constituted as to fail in their endeavors rather than take honey from us foreigners? The crop has not, of course, been so abundant in Canada that we have had to look for a market, else we should probably have shipped over our surplus any way, but if our English friends had asked it, we could doubtless have accommodated them with what they needed.