

"This compound, when pure, forms a colorless mobile liquid having a peculiar odor, and, when taken internally, is a violent poison. As usually obtained it contains impurities in the form of other compounds of sulphur, which give it a strong and extremely offensive odor, and when inhaled soon causes death. For the purpose of destroying gophers the crude bisulphide is better and much cheaper than the pure article. Care should be taken in using it as it is both inflammable and explosive. Its efficacy depends on the fact that its vapor is heavier than air, and, when introduced into burrows, it flows like water into all the recesses. This fact should be borne in mind in using it in sloping ground, as, unless the poison is introduced at the highest opening of the burrow, a certain part of the hole will remain free from it where the animal may take refuge."

THE prospective programme for the O. B. K. A. Meeting at Niagara Falls appears elsewhere in this issue, it is yet subject to some slight alterations, but every effort is being made to have it carried out as here announced. Mr. Couse has since written us to say that Professor James Fletcher, Entomologist and Botanist at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, will likely be able to attend and give an address on 'The value of bees in Orchards.' This is a subject of no little importance at present owing to the attitude of some fruit growers who have been pleased to represent the insects as a public nuisance and who have sought

and suggested legislation to deal with them as such. Prof. Harrison of the Ontario Agricultural College has replied to Secretary Couse, signifying his intention to be present and to speak on the subject assigned to him in the programme. We understand that Mr E. R. Root's stereopticon views are excellent and that they were a source of much interest and entertainment at the Chicago Convention. We are looking forward with pleasure to meeting Editor Root and seeing his views at Niagara Falls. Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson says that 'the social pleasures are now the paramount feature of a convention,' this is putting it strong and yet we must admit that there is a growing tendency in this direction. In the programme before us the executive have endeavored to place on the board for this convention a bill of fare wholesome and substantial and with just enough of spice to make it tasty and appreciated by all. We had a very excellent meeting last year at Toronto and a large amount of helpful information was imparted to those present. We are looking for a much larger number this year to share the good things with us. We hope to have a goodly number of visiting brethren from the United States besides those mentioned on the programme, our meeting place being right on the border. We will bid them a hearty welcome.

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Dr. Miller in a "Stray Straw" in "Gleaning" quotes the German Bee