

bulist asks, "Could there be a greater curse than such a character would prove to the majority of honey men?"—Progressive 71. I think not, sonny, unless you combine the green honey producer, the mixer and the swindler in one body; then you would have a true object of pure cussedness.

A. G. Ferris says he is thoroughly disgusted with the way the producers of comb honey are going backward instead of improving their product. "Twelve years ago," he says, "we had two pound boxes of good size that could be glassed; the starters were of natural comb and honey stored in this manner was profitable to the producer, and a lasting joy to lovers of comb honey. My mouth waters for some now." Then Mr. Ferris asks, who it was that gave to the customer the idea of smaller packages? and who it was that put a piece of artificial comb in each? He answers by throwing the whole blame on bee-keepers themselves, wants someone to suggest to comb foundation makers to put in some of Primley's pepsin to help digest the wax.

"Twelve hundred Nuclei is the number that a bee-keeper in the U. S. proposes to run the coming season. It would seem as though there need be no waiting there in filling orders. Wouldn't I like to work in such a yard, Whoop-e-e!"—Editorial in Review. The Rambler appears to have been greatly startled by that Whoop-e-e, coming as it did from the dignified and sedate Hutchinson. He should not be more astonished should he go into a graveyard and have a tombstone waltz up to him and shout "Whoop-e-e!"

After mentioning a few points in connection with the heated discussions that have taken place in the several journals on Doolittle's system of crating comb honey, Editor Hutchinson, page 148, says: "I doubt the advisability of continuing it much longer. The best rule that I can give in the matter, is called the golden rule. So crate your honey that, if by chance you should unknowingly buy one of your own cases of honey, you would not be disappointed when you opened it." Two whoope-e-s for Hutchinson. This is righteous advice.

R. C. Aikin after recommending the use of bottom starters in sections says: "A large percentage of his sections are better attached to the bottom than at the sides, and some even better at the bottom than at the top. I have some sections in my honey room that would stand almost

any knocking about, almost to the point of breaking the case. Bottom starters are a good thing, and side starters would be a further improvement."

Much has been written in the bee-papers since the advent of Dan White's article on the production of a thoroughly ripened honey both pro and con. A thoroughly capped comb is generally looked upon as containing well ripened honey, and generally it would be so; yet that cannot be laid down as a rule in variable, because it has been clearly shown (and I have personally observed it) that unsealed honey was thicker and more ripe than that which was capped, taken from the same super. Atmospheric conditions, and the flow I think determine the results largely. Then, where are we at? What is the honest inexperienced producer to do in the matter? Perhaps it would be well for us youngsters to make the weight our test when we commence to extract; better weigh the first gallon and if it won't weigh twelve pounds, leave it severely on the hives. But what about that which is capped and gets thin and watery? Now we have struck a formidable snag. As evaporation goes on very slowly in the hive after the honey is capped, the only way I see out of the dilemma is to simply leave it there until it is sufficiently ripe, or resort to the other alternative, "Artificial Evaporation." Whatever we do let us not put an unripe article before the consumer that will sour on their hands, and thereby injure the demand for all honey.

[We will make a big step in advance by seeing that honey is two-thirds capped before extracting. When that has been done we may not feel discouraged at the fewer pounds.—Ed.]

Two years ago I went to the expense of making, and placing all my hives on separate stands, said stands being from 1x9 inch cedar, halved at the corners. Now Dr. Miller scores a point, page 294 A. B. J. for double stands, or two hives on one stand and he's right, it takes less lumber, they are much easier levelled, and kept level. But why in the name of beedoom did not that old Sabbath school pedagogue explode that bomb, before I made the single stands.

[Perhaps this is a point our genial Dr. Miller "did not know" at that time. Next, why should he not let friend Heise find it out for himself. As a result Dr. Miller's opinion will be valued more highly the next time.—Ed.]