



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL

A CROSS the line they are discussing what shall be the National flower, and are "voting" by postal card for the favored flora. Bee-keepers are urged to vote solidly for Golden Rod and thus encourage the growth of this, one of best nectar yielding plants. The A.B.J. is for this flower, for it says: As the National Flower, the Golden Rod will grace every hillside, stream and valley, and will be as dear to patriotic hearts as the National Flag and National Hymn. Where now it is but seldom seen it will be cultivated, and thus materially add to the wealth of the flowers, when autumn comes with its tinges of glory and hues of magnificence!

"France has the lily, England the rose—
Everyone knows where the Shamrock grows;
Scotland the thistles on the heather nod—
America's flower—gay Golden Rod!"

OUR OWN APIARY.

WE have experienced some difficulty this year in securing all the assistance we require in our bee yards. The last two years being such dry and unfavorable seasons and the one just passed being an entire failure, put a damper on the pursuit and prevented many who would have embarked in the profession or become students in apiculture from learning. This has made quite a scarcity of help.

Usually we have a great number of enquiries for help, but now we believe the tables have turned and that there will be a greater demand for assistants and managers of apiaries. We think it would not be amiss for those who can do so to learn the business, for should this season prove a most successful one as it is likely to, many will require assistance another season.

The weather has been so wet and we have been so exceedingly busy, and on account of the scarcity of help, it has been impossible for us to give our bees the necessary attention. It is raining every day, and the ground that has been so thoroughly dry for the last two years has now become completely saturated. The white clover is now out and every moment of sunshine and fair weather is being taken advantage of by the bees. They are carrying in honey rapidly whenever the weather permits.

We contemplate receiving a very large crop of honey and we hope that all who are hoping so, will not be disappointed.

As soon as the new hands we have engaged arrive, we intend making two more bee-yards. One of the locations is very favorably situated for alsike clover, and we shall be disappointed if the results are not satisfactory. It will be difficult to move some of our colonies without great precaution, they are so very strong. Perhaps we should not say precaution, but plenty of ventilation, which will consist of placing on an