

## Thoughts and ....Comments

ON CURRENT TOPICS

*By a York County Bee Keeper.*

### A VISIT TO DR. GANDY'S

As promised by Editor Hutchinson, October "Review" is somewhat of a "Gandy Special." On their way home from the Denver Convention, Editors Root and Hutchinson and Mr. Whitcomb, paid the Dr. a visit to ascertain for themselves the truth as to his recent assertions about large honey yields, artificial pasturage, etc. At the time of their visit, no honey had been taken from any of the Dr's. apiaries this season, so needless to say, plans to make his honey yields infallible are yet to be perfected. It seems the Doctor in his article in "Gleanings," instead of describing conditions as they are with him, was telling us how they should be with the IDEAL bee-keeper. Of course that fellow is yet to be born. Contrary to expectations, the visitors found no fields of catnip or sweet clover. Editor Hutchinson, (in speaking of the Doctor's reported yields), says, "that artificial pasturage cut any great figure in its production I saw but little evidence." On one point all agree — that the Doctor is wealthy, the rental from his farms each year is about (\$40,000) forty thousand dollars, a man with an income like that don't care if we small fry, should happen to question any statements he might make.

### "SHAKY" BEE-JOURNALS

About the first thing that strikes the eye, when we pick up any of the bee-keepers of to-day, is the ungram-

matical expression, "Shook Swarms," one would think a gold mine had recently been opened up for us bee-keepers, (perhaps there has been), with such an amount of influence at work, surely the bulk of the bee-keeping fraternity will be "shakers" by next season. The inimitable "Hasty" after looking through his "unreliable glasses," says in connection with this subject, in A. B. J., page 698, "Its a phrase to conjure with, 'shaken swarms,' or would be if it were not for that dreadful word 'sometimes.' Sometimes look out for infuriated bees and a grist of queenless colonies." W. S. Pouders, gives in "Gleanings" his method of using the brood combs taken from the "shaken swarms," when increase is not desired: "I have always disposed of the brood in two ways — by strengthening weak colonies and by tiering up over an excluder for extracting. I have tiered up as high as five stories and it seemed to me that such colonies contained a barrel of bees. In such cases I allowed only three or four combs of brood in the lower chamber, filling the remainder of the hive with empty combs or foundation in order that the queen might have plenty of room. As fast as the brood hatched in the upper stories, they filled the empty cells with honey, making the way possible for a large yield and greatly improving the results from the hives from which the brood was taken.

### METHODS OF SELLING HONEY

In a paper read at the Minnesota Beekeeper's Convention by a Mr. Shepard, the 'exchange' plan is advocated. He places an ad. in the local papers something like this: "Wanted—To exchange honey for oats, corn, potatoes, eggs and silver dimes." Wouldn't it be fun starting out in the morning with \$50 worth of honey in a hayrack, returning

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