

his false security, thinking all is safe and well with his clipped queen.

I would say, if you have not a sufficient number of colonies to make it necessary for you or some one being in or about the yard during the swarming season, rather use self hives. A very practical thing in this line is in the trade at present—the Pratt or the G. S. & M. improved self hiver, Pratt alleys queen and drone traps are useful in their way, and will in the majority of cases secure the queen.

Re "going into" the brood chamber, the less of that sort of thing done the better, unless when absolutely necessary. In a properly constructed hive there should be no extracting done from the brood chamber so that usually the only essential times and circumstances would be, say—when spring or full feeding might demand the adding of fall comb of honey and the removal of the empty, or after a swarm has issued—in about 21 days—to note if the young queen is all right and laying.

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Canadian Thistles.

BY F. ALEXIS GIMMELARIO.

Now is the time to see that no colony suffers from lack of stores. Brood rearing cannot be carried on to the best advantage, unless bees are well supplied with a reserve of honey, or its equivalent for a rainy day. I have known colonies to actually starve in the fore part of May, on account of a cool cloudy spell; causing a failure of the honey flow, when rearing large quantities of brood. Of course such colonies were living from hand to mouth, but the fact remained, that a little timely assistance would have saved them. Quite a loss at this time of year.

PRINTERS' SHORTCOMINGS.

I notice that, that man Gemmill, has been going for your printer's devil rather severely, for his substitutions, and omissions, and the publisher states that he (the devil) was so badly scared that Rossland, B. C., now possesses him. It is presumed, that he prefers delving with the miners, for the "filthy lucre," to digging out what he considered common sense from the Stratfordites manuscript. Be that as it may, your printer evidently took revenge for being going, as he apparently, wilfully no doubt, substituted "first blooms" for what was, or ought to have been "fruit bloom"

in Mr. G's article, just preceeding the caution, with the big YOU. I also note, he forgot to slip in a couple of leads between the editors foot note, and Mr. C. W. Post's reply, thus making it appear that it was a continuation of Mr. Gemmell's article.

MR. MCEVOY.

I was very much troubled when I saw your editorial note, stating that Mr. McEvoy had been ill. We cannot afford to lose such an efficient man as he. Why he is the greatest foul brood inspector in all creation, and is already known the world over, including Texas, California and Australia. I fear that he is working too hard, as well as losing some of his much needed sleep. Now Mr. what ever you do, don't burn the candle at both ends, as the saying goes, like some of us have already done. Life is too short for that. At any rate do not let the fire in the stove proper go out at nights, when you set up answering correspondents. If I recollect correctly Mrs. McEvoy once said, you sometimes did so. Such conduct as that is very bad for La Grippe, especially during such changeable weather as we have been having. By the way I don't like the term foul brood inspector. Why not change it to inspector of apiaries. The latter term is certainly just as appropriate, and savors less of nausea, especially in connection with such a delicious article as honey. Let us have the change instantler.

IMBEDDING FOUNDATION BY ELECTRICITY.

Gleanings for March 15th, illustrates and gives direction for imbedding brood foundation by electricity. I think well of the plan, and advise those who do wire extensively, to get an apparatus. Complete outfit for only \$2 50. I am an advocate of using full sheets of foundation everytime. I am aware however, that every one does not think as I do, nor do I expect them to. I have nevertheless observed, that some of the beekeepers in Canada, and good ones too, who once condemned the practice are gradually changing their views on the subject, and now going just as strongly in favor of doing so. I recollect the editor of C. B. J. laughing at me for doing such a thing. I wish he would tell us why, he now imbeds by electricity, and strongly recommends others to follow suit.

There is another man, (an Italian from Limerick I think) whose name is McEvoy, who formally had no use for wires, any more than a dog had for two tails, but since he was appointed Inspector of Apiaries, and visited around, and "seen what he has seen," now uses wired frames, and advises every man, woman, and child to take