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#### ENGLISH BEE-KEEPERS.

A VISIT TO THE "BEE AND FRUIT FARMING CO'S." PREMISES.

WE have just returned home after five months' absence, and now propose to tell you something about British bee-keeping. When in London one fine morning, when the sun was shining brightly, we decided to take advantage of the fine day and visit Mr. Garrett, Manager of the "Bee and Fruit Farming Company," about twenty miles south of London.

Taking the early train, which rushed through about ten miles of the city, we emerged into a beautiful country, and in a few minutes landed at St. Mary's Cray, where we were met by young Mr. Garrett, a gentleman who bids fair to become one of our most successful bee-keepers. We were pleased to learn that he has about decided to come to this country and embark in the business, or join with some bee-keeper for a year or two until he has learned more of the flora, seasons and general management of bees in Canada. He appears to be well up in English bee-keeping. About twenty minute's walk from the station brought us to Mr. G's residence, which is situated in a beautiful grove, containing many linden trees; in fact, just in front of the house on the lawn, stand several immense lindens of the European species, while most of the farm (which consists of from 40 to 60 acres) is dotted with all kinds of fruit trees. In England they economise their ground by planting gooseberry and currant bushes, etc., between and under their orchard trees, thus getting two crops from the same soil. While our apples are superior to theirs, they can quite surpass us in the smaller fruits, especially gooseberries and plums. Just south of this orchard in an open court partially surrounded by trees stands the apiary, occupying a very picturesque position. The hives were in rows raised from the ground altogether, nearly 100 colonies. The