

Dot donkey, him laff on dot oder mout side,
Ven him gets all him wants of dot fun;
Him gry like vone baby, und rolls mit der grass,
Und den him zhump up und home run.

Dot donkey, him svelt oudt like Zhumbo vas vide.

Und I dinks Hans don't go to feed
Him any more oats so long as him lifs
To make him so fat as he need.
Und I peleef dot Hans vill come ofer und buy
Dose bees vot is petter dan gorn
To fat up dose mules, und make dem home
schtay
Gondended und tame mit der barn.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

HE HAS A POOR IDEA OF THE MARKSMANSHIP OF THE FRATERNITY.

B. T. BALDWIN.—As the North American Bee Association meets in Canada this year, how would it do to have the meeting in September, then everybody go and take their guns and go hunting up in that country where your Mr. Jones went, last year, killing 19 deer in five days. Don't suppose there is one bee-keeper in fifty that could hit the side of a barn twenty steps away with a shot gun, but there would be lots of fun in trying. I have thought of that hunt of yours a great many times since you told us of it. I haven't been hunting in ten years and never killed anything in my life, but your story aroused the Injun in me and I have been kind of off ever since.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 18th, 1888.

HEATHER SEED DID NOT GERMINATE.

GEO. M. THOMSON.—I wrote you some time since asking about how you succeeded with Heather, but never saw any reply. I had some seeds sent me by friends in Scotland, but it did not germinate. I feel satisfied it cannot be profitably cultivated for honey here.

Grand Junction, Jan. 22, 1889.

We had no better success.

IMPROVING EACH WEEK.

W. J. ROBINSON.—The CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL is improving every week. I like those practical papers by the editor.

Orangeville. Dec. 3, 1889.

WILL NOT MISS ANY NUMBERS.

V. CROSSMAN.—I enclose renewal of my subscription. I have forgotten the date of expiration, but I want to be in time so as not to miss any numbers.

Rathboneville, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1889.

ALEX. BLACK.—I commenced the past season with seven colonies, found the season better for increase than for honey, I got only about 150 lbs of honey 50 of which was comb in one pound sections, but my increase was ten colonies, mostly by natural swarming, but had to make

three by division, as a couple of hives were so full of bees and brood in August that I was afraid to put them into winter quarters without doing something with them. So I divided them successfully and put into the cellar on the 16th of November 17 colonies in first class condition, and they are wintering splendid so far, no signs of disease of any kind. The temperature of cellar has been from 38 to 42 by thermometer which registers about four degrees lower than what the temperature really is. The bees are very quiet and very few dead bees yet to be found in the cellar, and I am looking forward to better success next season. I found my bees last season cutting up pranks not recorded in any bee books that I have read, and not to be found even in the C. B. J.

Sonya, Jan. 30th, 1889.

What were the pranks you speak of? Your experience may be of value to others.

FROM 80 TO 100 AND 3 600 LBS. OF HONEY.

D. ANGLISH.—I commenced the season with eight colonies mostly all strong and had twenty natural swarms. They were all very strong with plenty of honey when put into winter quarters. I took 600 one pound sections and 3000 lbs extracted, total 3,600. How will that do for such a poor year as we have just passed through? I had a good fair yield from buckwheat, 1,300 lbs. surplus. One colony I had standing on the scales and it gained 25 lbs in four days, 11 lbs. in one day. I had three quarters of an acre of Japanese buckwheat and it yielded well in both honey and grain. From one peck of seed I obtained eighteen bushels. There was other buck wheat in the neighborhood, so you see if weather is favorable buckwheat will secrete nectar. If it is not very good it is honey and this year it is worth \$10 per 100 lbs—more than we can get for clover other years.

Mount Pleasant Apiary, Brantford.

M. A. HILSDON.—I must say that I am much pleased with the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL; I find in it a great amount of useful information as well as some lively and comic reading, but I think there are some "large" stories. There are two good ones in the number of Dec. 19th from Alabama. Here is my report which I am very well satisfied with, considering the season. In the fall of 1887 I packed four colonies in boxes with chaff and leaves, they came through all right and went to work in the spring of 1888. I took 100 lbs. of comb honey and doubled them up, bought two so that I have now ten. In the fall I fed \$5 worth of granulated sugar and packed them for winter as before. I am sorry that I have no other name to send you but perhaps I can do better next time.

Ingersoll, Jan. 17th, 1889.

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