

users, results would likely be different. With us in the busy season, this is too much "finkering," and our limited experience convinces us that with a large hive we secure the maximum amount of honey with the minimum of labor. Before leaving Mr. Holtermann's article, we wish to call attention to one thing advocated by him with which I cannot agree, viz: early spring stimulating. While it may be possible to "stimulate" strong colonies to brood-rearing in bad weather, my observation has convinced me that for every young bee reared by reason of said stimulus, about three old bees are sacrificed by the effort.

In the hands of the veteran no harm can come through Friend Holtermann's suggestion, but to the beginner would say leave the bees alone in early spring, provided they have sufficient stores in the hive.

Extracted Honey Production.

As is well known, by readers of apicultural literature, that extensive and wide-awake Michigan bee-keeper, Mr. Townsend, is a staunch advocate of producing well-ripened extracted honey. In a recent article in "Gleanings" he says that over-production is not the cause of the stagnation in the honey market, rather the production of a lot of unripe honey that is doing the mischief. Believe that like conditions and circumstances are doing incalculable injury to the apiarists on this side of the line as well. Too bad that the honest, careful bee-keepers have to suffer for the fault of men who imagine that they can secure more honey (?) by extracting raw nectar.

Editor Root, in a foot-note to Mr. Townsend's article, endorses the views expressed, and deprecates the fact that some of the extensive bee-keepers are not producing the quality of goods that they should. While we have in a measure enjoyed recent articles in different journals from the pen of that able

and extensive New York apiarist, Mr. Alexander, we never see Mr. Alexander's name mentioned without thinking of his advice in the "Review" some time ago, advocating wholesale extracting without waiting for the combs to be sealed. Granting, for the sake of argument, that in his hands such methods are all right (a doubtful proposition), we fear that such advice given promiscuously cannot help but do a large amount of harm. If we had a whole lot of literature on the line of Mr. Townsend's article, and the paper by friend E. H. Hind of Fenelon Falls, read at Victoria county meeting, we might have hopes of a speedy removal of this bane of the bee-keepers.

When reading over the constitution of the 'Honey Producers' League,' the thought came to me, "They can fight successfully honey adulteration, but how are they going to get at the producers of unripe honey?" While this organization has plenty of difficulties in the way, think the one mentioned will be one of the most formidable. What's the matter with the Honey Producers' League, anyway? We think it a splendid idea and hope that in some way arrangements can be made for us Canucks to take part in the work, and, of course, take part in the benefits. What say you, brethren?

A Healing Balsam.

A Healing Balsam, really valuable in case of wounds or injuries to the skin, is prepared in the same way in a bain-marie: Take of wax from the cell cap-pings 1oz; of fresh propolis, 2 oz; of the finest honey, 7 oz. After all is well mixed pass through a close cloth, and press out well; replace in the bain-marie; add a little cochineal and a few drops of essence of lavender; then beat the mixture well with a fork, and fill into small pots, which fasten down closely.—Rucher Belge.