



## HINTS.

"Bee-line" Newly Defined.—In a district school the pupils were asked to define a bee-line. A small boy answered: "I know it; Its the line a feller makes fer home when a b'bee's stung i'm." Probably he had in mind an experience all his own, and he knew what he was talking about.

We notice by one of the late bee papers, that a poor fellow down in Ohio "winters in the cellar." Now that is a bad place for a ma to winter, and besides, it is time enough for people to stay under ground after they are dead and not before. We feel sorry for a man who has to "winter in the cellar." But it may have meant that he winters his bees in the cellar, though it didn't say so. It's quite an art to be able always to say what you mean, isn't it?

"Entrance Diagnosis" is something that Mr. C. W. Dapton wrote about quite charmingly some time ago in "Gleanings." There is more in this than some of us think. A glance at the entrance of a hive will often tell many things to an experienced eye. Because of this there is an advantage in having all the entrances face one way—they can all be seen at a glance. I remember the first year or two when my brother began working with me in my apiary. If absent a day or two, I would, from simply walking through the yard and glancing at the entrances, ask perhaps half a dozen questions; such, for instance, as "Doesn't that hive over at the end of the row need another case of sections?" and at first it was a puzzle to brother as to how such conclusions could be drawn without even opening the hive.—Bee-Keepers' Review.

Persistent people begin their success where others end their failures.

Northern vs Southern queens is being discussed in the bee journals, but none of them show why southern queens are not as good. We shall try and tell you why there is any difference, if there is. The cold northern winters weed out all stock that is not hardy, while the same stock in the south, owing to its breeding nearly all the year, would continue to live and send out its drones to mix with other colonies near by, thus gradually pulling down others to its own level.—The Progressive Bee Keeper.

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