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IN BEE-KEEPING WILL BE ANSWERED IN THIS
DEPARTMENT BY THE EDITOR.

A host of questions lie before me this month, all of which I believe have received a personal answer; here are some:

Question No. 1.—Who of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL family will give the best method of making honey vinegar on a large scale?

Will some of our readers kindly respond.

Question No. 2.—Where can I get from manufacturers jars or bottles for honey?

I believe the glass factories are supposed to do business only with wholesale men. The Diamond Glass Company, Hamilton, will give you particulars.

Question No. 3.—Can we have a swarm in the super and replace it on the old hive with a queen excluding honey board, and after a time kill the old queen?

Not very well, there are serious drawbacks and objections. The swarm is almost sure to attempt to swarm next day, and if the old queen fails after several attempts to follow the swarm, my experience would incline me to believe the queen will in one way or another be destroyed. If the honey flow continues, the bees will then swarm when the first bees hatch from the queen cells in the hive. It is bad practice to return a swarm to the old stand and hive and allow it to remain there unless the conditions are very exceptional. Even should the bees remain contentedly in the hive the queen will begin depositing eggs in your extracting combs which should never be allowed, our extracted honey will never reach the highest attainable standard until we give up using anything but comb free from brood cocoons for store combs. Never hive your bees on the old stand in a new brood chamber.

Question No. 4.—Can we make a queen-excluder without metal?

Practically not. I have heard of putting saw cuts in thin boards to permit the bees to pass through and exclude the queen. This is, however, very difficult, the least variation making it worthless. You better buy a fairly thick perforated metal, this will keep its shape and be useful for a long time.

Is the self-hiver patented?
Not in Canada and I think not in the United States.

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