

Adulteration reaches in every part of the United States.

Dr. Miller—There are thousands of people who have not given the matter a thought. The Pure-Food Congress has brought the matter before us. One point: I want a law made that will protect the market at Marengo. If I should make an effort to get legislation that will benefit only me, it will never be done. If we get anything done it will not be by legislation for any one point, but it will be when we get legislation that will benefit everyone.

E. R. Root—It seems to me that there is not very much to be said about Mr. Abbott's paper, but I want to say that I endorse what Dr. Miller says, and I am interested in this bottle of honey. "Your sins will find you out." You know the city where this bottle of adulterated honey was put up, Mr. Abbott? Do you wish to give the name of the party?

Mr. Abbott—Bliss Company.

Mr. Root—Can you prove unquestionably that the Bliss Company put this up?

Mr. Abbott—I can.

Mr. Root—Why do they put Medina on it?

Mr. Abbott—I suppose they take the view that Medina is a honey centre. Like all ignorant persons, they copy someone that they think is worth copying.

Mr. Root—I suspect that they borrowing the comb-honey idea from comb foundation being made at Medina. But if there is any law in the country by which that firm can be prosecuted, and the stigma taken from the Root Co., we will follow it up.

Mr. Abbott—I owe a little explanation. The Pure Food Bill was initiated by Senator Paddock. Mr. Brosius then talked it up, and that is why it takes his name, and this Bill was drafted and prepared and turned over to the senate. The House Committee was ready to report favorably on the Bill. If you urge any other Bill you are not standing by the original Bill. If we ask for too much we will not get anything. We are going to pass this Bill without amendments. I have no objections to Senator Mason passing a Bill, but Senator Mason's Bill will not be a Pure-Food Bill. We say, pass the Brosius Bill. I will answer any question that anybody wants to ask. Go home and talk to your congressman. I interviewed Mr. Cockrell about the Pure-Food Bill. He had never read it. I said, "These people are in favor of this Bill, and if you

are not in favor of it off comes your head." I heard from him the next day, and he was in favor of it.

Dr. Mason—I would like to emphasize what Mr. Abbott says about waking up our congressmen. I went to our congressman and told him what we wanted, and he promised to support the Brosius Bill.

An attendant—Probably he was a small man and was afraid.

Dr. Mason—He was a small man, but not afraid. He understands that his constituents are the "power behind the throne." He was already in favor of the Bill, but what I said encouraged him in its support.

Mr. Selser—I want to say that we have a pure food law in this state (Pa.), and a good one. I don't know just the year in which it was passed, but four or five years ago.

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Wintering Bees.

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Bees, like any other stock, must be well cared for in winter, and their usefulness the following summer depends greatly on the kind of attention they receive. In nature the summer's stores are not disturbed, and in their hollow home the bees are protected from cold and wet, the very structure of their hive making it dry and self-ventilating.

In frosty weather bees cluster compactly, generally on the lower part of the combs just below the capped honey, and as the cold increases they draw closer together, each bee having its head under the abdomen of the one above. The ones at the top pass the honey down to those below, so that all are provided.

As the cold increases they keep up a tremulous motion and fanning with their wings, to develop more heat by active exercise. This exercise causes them to eat large quantities of honey, filling their intestines with fecal matter which they cannot void, as bees never discharge feces in the hive, unless too long confined or greatly disturbed. It is highly important, therefore, that great care be taken to provide the best quality of food, and to keep the hives quiet, well ventilated, and a temperature that will not arouse the bees to great activity. Otherwise dysentery and death result.