

rearing started. I have myself during the last thirty-three years cured hundreds of colonies in the fall for the bee-keepers of Ontario without a single failure, by shaking the bees off diseased combs in October and giving them sound combs of all-sealed stores. For fall treatment I recommend this plan, because I know from many years of experience that it is the cheapest and best ever given for curing diseased colonies in the fall and bringing them into spring in booming condition.

When on my rounds through the Province in 1890 I inspected apiaries in many places where the starvation methods had been practised, and for cruel treatment it proved to be one of the most killing things that the bee-keepers ever tried. The bees were to be starved until some of them began to drop, and then put in hives and fed up on foundation. The bee-keepers, not being judges of how much starving the bees could stand, left them too long in prison without food, and when they went to see them found them all dead. This was the general condition that I found things in in 1890 where the starvation treatment had been tried. Some men had sprayed the combs with acids until they smoked, and as soon as they were used foul brood broke out again. Others had fed medicated syrups, and they also failed. After all these other "cure-alls" had been tried, then the formalin drug was trotted to the front to drive the disease out with gas. Did it do this? No. It proved itself to be one of the greatest failures ever tested. I have taken all the drug methods, and all the cruel starvation treatments, and quietly and tenderly and carefully placed them side by side in the graveyards of the world, and now my methods of treatment for curing apiaries of every kind of disease are followed by the bee-keepers of every land. When at the Detroit convention I was surprised when I heard Mr. Byer speaking in such alarming ways about black brood, which he considered almost incurable, and said that he was not so sure as to the McEvoy treatment

being as effectual with European foul brood as it is with American foul brood."

I have cured many colonies of black brood and know that my methods of treatment will cure it every time. Mr. W. D. Wright, Altamont, N. Y., who is an inspector in the black brood district of New York, gets the diseased apiaries cured of black brood.

Woodburn, Ont.

Columbian Wyandottes

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One of the latest additions to the American standard of excellency is the Columbian Wyandotte. To describe their many good qualities would take considerable space. In color they resemble the Light Brahmas, in shape the Wyandottes, with nice, clean, yellow legs and neat rose comb. In weight male birds often attain ten pounds and females eight. They are great layers of good-sized brown eggs, and shell them out lively in the cold winter weather, when prices range high. They mature early. Their flesh is sweet and juicy—one of the best table fowls in existence. I have established a strain known as the "Brant" strain, that produces a high percentage of exhibition birds. In Columbian Wyandottes we have a combination which cannot be excelled by any breed—beautiful to look at, great layers and finest table fowls. They are docile and hardy and are now to be seen in large numbers at the numerous poultry exhibitions. They are money-makers. Try them and be convinced. My advice to the beginners in poultry-raising is to start with the best stock or eggs they can afford, from a breeder who has a reputation for honest dealing. Determine that each year your breeding fowls, your plans and your management shall be better than the year previous. If you are not already a subscriber to one of the leading poultry journals, better do so at once. Much is to be gained from their pages. The National Columbian Wyandotte Club is one of the largest specialty clubs. Every breeder of Columbians should join this club. The fee is moderate and the advantages many. Send in your application to the Secretary, Granby, Mass., U.S.A., for membership.

Mr. Arthur Laing, writing us from Corona, California, says that hundreds of cars of oranges and lemons are being shipped from that point at present.