

first 75 colonies, 73 queens were found, and next morning I found a dead queen in front of one of the two missed, so that, in reality, only one queen was missed out of the lot. Then again, no doubt many will think the process followed was a laborious one, and very slow at that. By actual timing five queens an hour could be found—indeed, were found at that rate whenever we went at the work.

One morning the weather was dull and cloudy and not a bee flying; and as the robbers were bad, even when working under a tent during sunshine, I went at finding queens under circumstances which only those who have been similarly engaged can understand. From seven in the morning until a little after ten, sixteen strong colonies were examined, and every queen found. It is needless to remind one that with the tent to carry around, and with all the inconveniences of working under it, our movements were much hindered; and there can be no question but that, in a time with no robbing and plenty of honey coming in, much better time could be made.

FOUL BROOD DISINFECTION

Dear Sir:—

I am glad to see that in his second letter Mr. W. B. Bray has dropped his nom de plume of "A New Zealand Reader," which, by the way, was a very thin disguise. Mr. Bray admits having made one grave mistake that he could not dispute, but his letter was a series of mistakes all through. But the greatest mistake of all was his ever writing such a letter on a subject he has had no actual experience in, and writing so dogmatically. As Mr. Bray's last contains no information whatever to uphold his contention, it would be unprofitable to encroach further upon your space. Thanking you, I am, etc.,

I. HOPKINS.

Auckland, N. Z.

"MORE HONEY THAN STING"

By Jean S. Walker

An angry wasp and a busy bee
Met once on a clover head.
The bee at his work hummed merrily,
While the wasp with anger said:
"Why is it that mortals, one and all,
Act kindlier far by you?
I use my sting if they're in my way,
But that is my rightful due.
You do the same, yet they use you well,
But askance at me they look."
Then the wasp waxed wroth and waved
his wings.
Till the head of clover shook.
The bee worked on. When for flight prepared,
It hovered aloft on wing.
Then paused a moment, and archly said:
"I give more honey than sting."

—Canada Monthly.

"Honey-dew is a viscid saccharine exudation which is often noticed in summer on the leaves and stems of plants. It is usually, but not always, associated with aphides and other insects which feed on the juices of plants, and its flow is ascribed by some to their punctures; but the rupture of the tissues from any other cause, such as the state of the weather, seems also to produce it, and very warm dry weather seems to be necessary for the production in the sap of excess of sugar, and this is pressed out."—Dr. W. Brown in the "Australasian Bee-Keeper."

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