

little observation and judgment one soon learns how little smoke may safely be used, and exactly the right moment to apply it. Before lifting out a frame push those on either side of it over far enough to allow it to come out without rubbing or crushing bees. All combs should be straight and even to manipulate nicely. "Crushing bees fill the air with the odor of poison, which irritates the bees. So also when one bee is provoked to sting, others follow because of the odor of poison." ("The Honey-bee.")

Unlike other stinging insects, the honeybee leaves its sting in the wound, so is only able to sting once, and usually dies soon after. The sting should be removed immediately by scratching with the finger nail or brushing against the clothes, else it would continue working in and injecting the poison into the wound. To grasp it between the thumb and finger would be to squeeze the last bit of poison into the wound. Do not rub or irritate the part in any way, as that only increases the swelling. The best remedy is to forget; but an application of cold water or cold wet cloths without friction is good in bad cases.

Above all, never allow horses to enter the apiary: for the bees will rush out at them and sometimes sting them to death, even at night.

Honey Eye-Wash.

Put into an ounce vial of pure honey a piece of alum as large as the end of the little finger, and then put the vial (corked of course) into a cornmeal dough, and cook it until the cornbread is done. When cool, take out the vial and it is ready for use.—N. B. HOLLISTER in American Bee Journal.

Literary Notes

The Toronto Daily Star has introduced into Canada a feature which is novel as it is conspicuous in connection with newspaper advertising. It prints a line in red ink every day across the top of the page advertisement of one of their large advertisers. The marvel of its readers is as to how the thing is done. At the same time it prints special announcements of its own upon the front page of its paper from time to time also in colored ink, sometimes printing a paragraph at the bottom of one of the columns of the front page, and occasionally strengthening its front page cartoon with some colored ink. As an illustration of this latter, upon the day that it was announced that Pretoria had been taken by General Roberts the Star printed a cartoon showing "Bobs" with a brush in his hand "painting the map of South Africa a British red," painting it from ocean to ocean, as in geographies, hereafter that part of the world will be colored.

As an up-to-date newspaper, The Toronto Daily Star eclipses all its rivals. It is dignified without being heavy; bright without being flippant; aggressive without being ill-natured.

Light, air and sunlight are important factors in keeping the family and the house in a healthy condition. Nothing could be worse than the habit some people have of keeping the house in darkness from early morning until night. The house should be flooded with light and air for several hours each day.—J. LADIES' HOME JOURNAL