



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL.

OUR OWN APIARY.

EXTRACTING HONEY BEFORE PUTTING ON SECTIONS.

MANY people are beginning to put on their sections without first removing the old honey that has been in the brood chamber all winter. We think it advisable where much honey is in the combs over winter to remove it before the honey season commences as it is sometimes carried up from the brood chamber to the sections. This poor honey when extracted may be kept until fall or fed to nuclei, as it answers very well for feeding at any time, but when it gets mixed with our bright clover or basswood honey in the sections it usually gives them a dark appearance and spoils the flavor. We cannot be too particular about securing our honey in the nicest possible shape. Some think removing the old honey from the brood chamber gives them less section honey. This may be true, but only in proportion to the quantity removed to the brood chamber. Now, what signifies the loss of two or three sections on an average in a colony and having the comb honey all in first-class condition or mixed with old honey; some of it may be of a doubtful character, especially if there has been any honey-dew the previous season. True, perhaps some colonies do not carry this old

honey up into the sections, but we have found this the exception not the rule.

Take sections where this has been carried up and mixed with other honey. By holding them up to the light you can pick out every cell from its dark appearance. By taking a small knife blade or stick and opening these cells carefully and tasting the contents of these and the brighter cells, the difference is very marked. No doubt, many have had their honey spotted or mixed with buckwheat or fall flowers, especially the sections left on late and only partly filled. With us this only passes for second-class comb honey, and in crating should be put by itself, marked No. 2 or 3 as the case may be, and sold at proportionately low rates.

A GRAND RAIN.

The prospects for a honey crop were not very dazzling last week. The grand rain which fell Saturday and Sunday has put a different complexion on things, and we now hope for something better in the way of a yield. The rains have come almost too late for a yield from clover, but some will likely get considerable in late localities.

BEES SWARMING ON SUNDAY.

THE time of swarming of bees is near at hand. As a church-goer wishing to be in my place every Sabbath, what shall I do, go to church and let the bees take care of themselves, put on drone traps or hire some one to stay in my absence and take care