

puff ball smoke, will absolutely stupefy them, so that they will drop from the combs, and lie harmless and helpless at the bottom of the hive, until restored to their senses by fresh air.

Bees employ a substance called propolis to fasten frames and fill up crevices in the hive. In hot weather this is quite soft and waxy, but in cool weather, it becomes hard and brittle like glue. In opening a hive and taking out the frames, the propolis is of course disturbed, and when it is hard, this cannot be done without some jarring. To avoid this as much as possible, it is advisable to use a form of hive and style of frame that can only be glued very little; and also to open the hive and operate upon it in the middle of the day, and when the weather is warm.

We advise bee-keepers and especially beginners, to use a veil and gloves. They give confidence, induce calmness, and guard against accident. A veil may be readily made of net or thin gauze, and the best gloves we know of, are the cheap harvesting ones made of sheep-skin to protect the hands from thistles.

Various remedies are used to antidote bee-stings. Any alkaline application is good. Common washing soda and blue-bags, are generally at hand, and may therefore be recommended. A drop of honey, a little garden soil, spirits of hartshorn, alcohol, and tincture of iodine, are among the external applications advocated. In severe cases, a dose of whiskey or brandy is said to be good. A wet sheet pack is also recommended. But we have discarded every other application since becoming acquainted with a German remedy lately introduced by Mr. W. S. Hawley, of Utica, N. Y. A drop or two will remove all trace and effect of a sting in a very few minutes. It costs but a dollar per bottle, and a single bottle will last a bee-keeper for a lifetime.

Miscellaneous.

City Manners.

The Louisville Courier Journal relates the following anecdote, as illustrating the manners of the inhabitants of that city:—

A few weeks ago, a man from the country settled in the eastern portion of the city. As there was plenty of grass in his front yard, he frequently took a basin, and a pair of scissors and cut some of the grass for his chickens. The following statistics show the singular interest excited among passers-by, who saw him at work:—

- Number of persons who stopped, and stared, 24
Small boys driven off the fence... 49
Persons who asked, "Isn't it purty late to be cuttin' grass?"... 18
Persons who asked, "Don't ye want to get that grass cut?"... 7
Persons who asked, "What ye cuttin' that grass for?"... 12
Persons who stared without stopping... 167
The man has made up his mind to return to the country.

Brain Work on the Farm.

As an element of success in making the farm pay, a mind having a good practical turn, plays no unimportant part. Good, sound common sense will do more than any one thing to put money in the farmer's purse, or, better, put it in permanent improvements. Fixed, and definite line of action, founded on the experience of the most successful farmers in one's county, will, with due diligence, and economy, result in making the farm pay. As a rule, the farmer who thinks, studies, reasons, and who can tell why he pursues a certain course, is the one that will be found to complain least in regard to hard times. If a man who has good health, and fair ability, cannot succeed on a farm, he will be almost certain to fail if he attempts anything else.

Farmers should have an eye to business. The writer of this has often been impressed with the belief that the most successful farmers are those who lie awake and mature plans for the coming day, or week, while others sleep. There is a great deal in tact, but there is also a great deal in letting the brain do

its share of the work. The farmer who will never think that it is better to feed his corn to stock, and thereby increase its value three-fold, than to haul it to the station in the car, and sell it for almost a song, should not expect to succeed.—Colman's Rural World.

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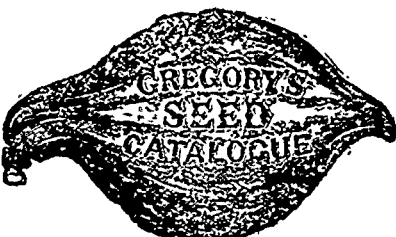
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