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RIPENING COMB HONEY.

IN last number of *Gleanings*, G. M. Doolittle describes his method of ripening comb honey, so that there will be no daubing and any person not up to the business of holding sections upright will experience no trouble with the liquid running out over their hands and clothes. Mr. Doolittle ascribes the credit of his method to Mr. Betsinger, which we put in his own words.

After studying some time on the matter without solving it, I went to see Mr. Betsinger one day; while there I went to see his honey which was kept in a small building only 7 ft. high, having on it a rusty tin roof. We went into the building, I remarked about the great heat inside, when he said that this was as he desired it, for this heat ripened his honey so that it was thick and never daubed things. Putting his talk into actions he picked up a section which had been in this room a couple of weeks, and turned it over, backward and forward, without a particle of drip, while one just off the hive treated the same way, leaked badly. I then saw what was the remedy for my trouble; for heretofore I had kept my honey in a room on the north side of my dwelling house, on the first floor where, of course it was cool and damp. Thanking Friend B. for what I had learned, I came home and planned my present honey room.

In cool weather the honey gathered dampness to an extent which did not please him, he then says:

This set me thinking how to remedy the matter should another damp time occur in the

future; the result of which was the placing of an oil stove in my room so that now I have complete control over the temperature and can raise or lower it at pleasure by simply turning the wicks up or down. As, when the wicks are low down, there is an offensive smell comes from the stove, I am about to fit a tin cover over the stove on which is to be fastened a length of two inch conductor pipe. On this I can use other conductor pipe with various elbows so as to retain the heat and yet carry off all the fumes from the burning kerosene. the same as smoke is carried off by a stove pipe. In this way the honey will be constantly growing better instead of deteriorating; besides if I wish to draw it to market on a cool day there will be no danger of breaking for a body of honey will hold heat for a long time.

As coal oil stoves seem to be coming into general use both for keeping the temperature of the bee-house right in winter time and for the purpose of thoroughly ripening honey, we have decided to place these on our list of supplies for sale. In next number we will be able to give prices and drawings of them.

BEE-KEEPERS' LAWSUIT.

AS will be found already mentioned in this issue, the case of McIntosh vs. Harrison, which was carried to Divisional Court, remains in the same position as it was in the first place, the finding of the jury having been confirmed. We publish the following letter just received from defendant's counsel. We have no comments to make;