

It would be better, all things considered, to winter in clamp. So arrange it that the snow cannot, when melted, run in the entrance.

A GOOD SWARM CATCHER.

A good way to catch swarms is as follows: After each melting of wax preserve the residue of dirt, pollen, cocoons, etc., which is left after the wax has been pressed out, until enough for the purpose has been obtained, when you will add to it one-fourth pound of rosin and melt it all in an old vessel. Then having secured some old mullein tops, take an old spoon and spread some of the mixture onto one side of two or three, then keep adding more tops and of the mixture until a representation of a swarm of bees is made, and you have an excellent bee-bob. When the swarming season comes on hang your bob on the limb of a tree in the apiary, within easy reach of your hand of the bees also, and nearly every swarm will settle on it. For something to hang it up by, put in a good stout wire while making, cementing it in at the centre.—*Lewiston Journal*.

THE BRAY CLAMP.

LEVI F. SELLECK.—I have ten hives of Italians and five hives of Black bees to winter. I can keep them in a good dry cellar or over my kitchen in a bed room, or I can get clamps and winter them on the stands; which would be best place of the three? The thermometer runs as low as twenty and twenty-eight below zero here at times. Are clamps made by Samuel Bray a success and how do they work? By answering the above questions in next issue of *BEE JOURNAL*, you will greatly oblige.

Morrisburg, Ont.

Do not put them in your bedroom. If the temperature is kept right in the cellar and it is dry and decaying vegetables are not allowed to remain therein, it would answer well. Clamps are also good if properly constructed. The Bray clamp is good, were it worthless we should not allow it to be advertised. But if all the other conditions of hives and bees are not right, even the Bray clamp will not save you.

BEE STINGS FOR RHEUMATISM.

THE following article was written by Wm. Vennemore, for the *Maxwell Tribune*. I had advised him to use the bee sting cure for his rheumatism; but I didn't suppose he would put a "small paper sack well filled" up his pants leg. It has

caused ever so much laughter and merriment here among the neighbors; but his rheumatism has disappeared.

D. E. BRUBAKER.

Maxwell, Ia., May 15, 1886.

Mr. Editor:—I have been afflicted with rheumatism for some time, and have tried most of the remedies said to be good for such disease, but received little benefit. One day last week I thought the good Samaritan had come, in the person of Mr. D. E. Brubaker: perhaps you are acquainted with him; he has a bee-ranch south of town; a clever fellow, too, he is. He told me bee stings were the best thing in the world for rheumatism, and if he should ever have it he would try the bee remedy sure. Thinks I, we've got the medicine right here at home, and it won't cost anything and I will just try a few; I think people as a rule take too much medicine any way; better try more home remedies. So provided with a small paper sack and some courage (for I must confess I was always a little careful not to disturb bees, for it hinders them from gathering honey, you know) I held the open sack at their entrance and soon had it well filled the with buzzing creatures. I then made straight for the house and gave sack and bees to wife and held open my pants leg and said, "Now start 'em up." She pushed sack and all up arm's length and laughed a little, and asked, "are they going?" Says I, "You bet!" Just then one administered, and I grabbed for him (as is natural on such occasions), and from that every last one laid to, and four doctors with eight resurrectors couldn't do business so lively as those bees did. I, in a rather commanding manner and tone, screamed for wife to take 'em out, but she seemed to be slow about it, so I got out and left breeches and bees in the same room, and I went to bed in untold misery, and two times as mad to think I would try everybody's remedies. After this, others can try bee-cures and beemen's remedies, and I will try Hostetter's or McLain's remedies.

HAY SEED B.

WESTERN MAINE BEE-KEEPERS.

NOTES OF THE FALL MEETING AT LIVERMORE FALLS, SEPT. 7TH AND 8TH.

THE fall meeting of the wide-awake Western Maine Bee-Keepers' Association was held at the house and apiary of Mr. J. Pike, Livermore Falls. There was a good representation of the bee interest present, and the discussion of matters relating to the