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## EDITORIAL.

BASSWOOD.

**T**HIS (1st July) we find our young basswood or linden is commencing to bloom. Those in favored localities have already a large number of blossoms yielding honey and the bees are working on them. This is ten days earlier than we ever knew it to bloom before, but perhaps it may be accounted for in a measure by the difference between those transplanted and those in the woods. We do not see any signs of opening in the woods yet. It is usually the 12th or 16th before the linden blooms in this locality—seldom as early as the 10th. Has any one had experience sufficient to tell us what the difference is in the time of blooming between those planted and those growing in the woods, all of the same kind?

### Bee-Houses and How to Build Them.

**W**E are constantly being asked for instructions in different departments in bee-keeping by those who do not take bee journals, or if they do take them they do not seem to be able to get just the information they require from them, at least it is not grouped so as to give them all the information in one issue. Again very many are constantly subscribing and as they do not secure back numbers of the journals containing the very articles which would give them the information

they require it will perhaps be a saving in time if we pursue the course which we are now about to commence viz: publishing a small series of pamphlets giving some of the most important points relative to successful bee-keeping and we purpose grouping in these pamphlets the experiences of some of the most practical men—men who have been more than ordinarily successful in these points. A pamphlet containing some information about "Bee houses and how to build them" is peculiarly seasonable at this time of the year as there are many who desire to build some kind of a repository in which to store their bees for the winter. A bee-house does not require to be built wholly above ground so that these essays relate in part to cellars as well as to bee-houses above ground. Without further particularizing we shall proceed to the matter under consideration. We shall describe the bee-houses at two of our apiaries, one of them costing considerably less than the other. Of course the latter is less convenient, but in a pamphlet of this kind it is necessary to describe different methods so that any one contemplating the erection of a repository will be able to decide how far their pocket-book will allow them to go. We shall first describe the bee-house in our home apiary.

#### OUR BEETON BEE-HOUSE.

The building is thirty-two feet square outside measure. The cellar excavation is five feet deep, the earth which