

"L'Apiculteur."--Elementary instruction in agriculture is being provided in some of the barracks with a view to keep the interest of the young countrymen in husbandry and country pursuits in general. The Consul-General of La Vendee has voted 500 francs between the 93rd and the 137th regiments of infantry in garrison at Fontenay-le-Comte. This sum will be used to organize an elementary course of apiculture, to the purchase of instruments, books, mural placards, etc. It is hoped that this example will be followed in the other departments and other garrisons.

"Leipziger Bienenzeitung."--Bee stings and Rheumatism."--A doctor at Marburg has tried the effect of bee stings in 100 cases of rheumatism, and publishes the following conclusions:--Bee stings can be applied to all cases of rheumatism. In light cases, or sudden and acute disease, it is usually successful after a few stings. Chronic cases usually require some hundreds of them. The longer and the more complicated the illness, the more useful is the sting cure likely to be. It brings relief even where a kind of rheumatic consumption has set in and where other remedies give little or only temporary alleviation. Where the disease has affected the heart, it is especially valuable. Only in bad cases there must be patience exercised, as the cure must be continued as long as there is any rheumatic pain. Notwithstanding the pain of the stings, the patient develops a better state of general health and a hopeful confidence--a looking forward to a complete return to normal health, which removes the fear of the sting.

Statue in a Statue.--In Newbitschein Westphalia, on the top of a tall hill, is a statue (over life size) of a saint. The "saint" had an imperforate hole in the arm-pit through

which, four years ago, a swarm of bees passed and took up their abode in the statue. Every effort has been made to dislodge the bees, which must have an extraordinary quantity of honey, but without success. To gain possession of the swarm it would be necessary to break up the statue.

"B. Centralblatt" (Germany). The Bee's Tongue.--There seems that little confidence can be placed in the information as to the increasing length of tongue in bees of any kind. Their conformation is invariable, beyond that of any other insect. In no other class do the fossil insects bear such close resemblance to those now existing; and not only in form but in habits and ways of life, their doings, customs, and working powers no difference can be observed. All efforts to raise a larger race of bees have failed. Therefore, all attempts to produce a larger, longer tongued, or stingless race of bees must be put away into the land of dreams. Still a careful choice within given bounds is greatly to be advised.

Remedy for Bee-Stings.--Arnica tincture is an excellent remedy against the poison of bee stings. If applied at the moment, it soothes the smarting pain and prevents any swelling of the parts. No other remedy can compare with this. Try it, and you will be convinced.

"Leipziger Bienenzeitung" (Germany).--A proposition has been made to use honey instead of sugar in the manufacture of preserves and confectionery. During great heat, honey-water stills the thirst. Soda water with honey forms a very refreshing lemonade. Half Bordeaux or Rhenish wine and half water, with an addition of honey to taste, is a draught not to be despised.

"Die Deutsche Bienenzucht" (Bulletin Mensuel). Falling-off of Bee-keeping in France.--According to a