

that would have been too palpable an injustice, but of being too slow, and spending too much time over the clover-heads.

"I will remedy all that," said Science.

And she did. Shutting up the bees she knocked the head out of a barrel of glucose and told them to go to work and help themselves, which they did faithfully. Their long journeys to and from the flowering fields being done away with they had nothing to interfere with their getting down to actual business. The scheme was a success, for the honey was piled into the combs in treble abundance and in one-third the usual time.

And yet Science wasn't satisfied.

Greedily she put her wits to work, "What's the use of going to the expense of buying bees? I can make the comb quicker and quite as well as they; and as for the honey—well, glucose is honey!"

And so the occupation of the honey-bee being gone, so far as it had any hand in what is known as the "honey of commerce," it now confines itself in a small way to home manufacture, samples of which, if the reader particularly wants he must particularly search for.

The above appears in a Toronto paper named *Truth* of Jan. 5th. It did not originate with that paper though not credited, but it is a lie pure and simple. Manufactured comb honey does not exist and if the editor of *Truth* can produce a particle of it there are a thousand dollars awaiting him. Such unfounded statements work injury to many and we ask *Truth* to give this denial equal prominence.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

THE HALLAMSHIRE LAW.

I NOTE with satisfaction your leading article in the issue for Oct. 10th, certifying that all the queens introduced by the above law have been accepted and none lost.

You will understand that I take a great interest in the truth of this "law," as nearly all the authorities have stated *ad nauseum*, "that old bees, or those long queenless, will not accept a strange queen," and the Rev. Geo. Raynor, who is a noted British authority, says, in a paper read before the British Bee-keepers' Association, (see *British Bee Journal* for Aug. 12, 1886, page 367, that he never once succeeded with the law, every queen being at once killed, who plainly intimates that he who thinks it will work as I say it will, or even once to succeed, must be insane.

Many have been trying it here this summer, though some have wrote me that they were sceptical at first, considering what had been said in the *B. B. J.* Knowing that it would succeed every time, I have also publicly offered here, to replace every queen lost. I think the American friends will not wait till I make the same offer to them.

I note you have also been trying the Pond's system. This, I know, will work well with just hatched virgin queens, the way you carried it out, which works on quite a different principle and is much better than the law, where these virgin queens are to be enthroned. But when you enthrone a fertile queen that way, allow me to advise you to first mark the queen by clipping or otherwise and then look for her four weeks afterwards. If you will do this, you will probably find that a daughter of hers is president in the hive, as like her as two peas.

There has been quite a rumpus over here through many having Carniolan queens, producing banded workers. Where Pond's system of introduction is followed, and though Mr. Bonner Chambers and I have shown that it is not to be relied on, that the queens are often replaced by their daughters, no one has pointed this out in the correspondence on the subject in the *British Bee Journal*. Those who know it is so, have been laughing at the ignorance displayed on the subject. They have all been told to mark their queens before introducing them and to look for them a month afterwards, so there is no excuse for not knowing whereof they affirm.

If Pond's system was as safe and as good as my law I should advise all to use it. I have no need to be jealous or envious of it, as when the truth of my law is recognised I shall be quite satisfied with the credit in connection with it, without trying to ride on another's shoulders.

As I have said, Pond's system contains a valuable kernel of truth; extract this and you have got something valuable. But on the other hand, don't forget that every authority on bees all over the world, have, for a generation, asserted that "old bees, or those long queenless, will not readily accept a new queen." I need not mention any names, as the editor seems to have been the only person besides myself that was sceptical on the matter. I have affirmed again and again for three years, that this doctrine is devoid of truth, that if the bees have been without a queen or means of rearing one 48 hours, at least, and the queen is given alone without any caging, every one will be accepted, no matter how old they may be, or how long they may have been queenless and I backed this up by offering publicly to replace every queen lost in trying it.

It now remains to be seen if the American authorities will admit they have made a mistake or follow the example set by their British friends and stick to their old doctrine through thick and thin, right or wrong, and learn the coming gen-