

### Sufficient Excuse.

Not long ago Miss Ella Potts told her pupils one "composition day" that they might each write a letter to her making an excuse for not inviting her to an imaginary birthday party.

The scholars were called upon in turn to read their letters aloud. One little girl made her excuse as follows:

"Dear Miss Potts.—I want to apologize for not asking you to come to my birthday party yesterday. I fully intended to do so, but—as I always do in everything—I put it off until the last minute. When at last I started, and reached your gate, I saw the doctor's buggy standing there, and thinking some one was very ill, I did not go in. What was my consternation the next day to learn that the doctor was courting your sister!"

Bouncing lawyer—Then you are prepared to swear that the parties came to high words? Coster witness—Nay, I didn't say that. I should say they were particularly low words.

**WANTED**—Twenty-five swarms of Bees in eight-frame Langstroth hives. Must be in first-class condition. Will pay in Bee-Keepers' Supplies, or other goods. Address: **GOOLD, SHAPLEY & MUIR Co., Brantford, Ont.**

**WANTED**—First-class comb and extracted honey, light or buckwheat. Will pay in Bee-Keepers' Supplies of any kind, bees (queens or full colonies) or bees wax. Address, giving particulars, **GOOLD, SHAPLEY & MUIR, Co., (L'd.,) Brantford.**

**FOR SALE**—150 acres of land within two miles of Coatsworth Station, being lot 24, 4th concession, Romney Township, Kent County, Ontario. It has sufficient timber for fuel and fencing, clay soil. Price \$15 per acre. Terms easy. Address **R. F. HOLTERMANN, Brantford, Ont.**

**NOW OR NEVER!** A good new Incubator, automatic, 100 eggs, for only \$10.50. Also 3 or 4 "Dairy" brooders from \$3.50 to \$7.00. Beeswax or Bees in exchange.

**GEO. J. VANDEVORD,**  
Weston, Ont.

**WILL EXCHANGE**—300 eight-frame 6 in. deep new Langstroth supers interchangeable with or without covers, and bottoms ready to use. Also 90 second-hand 8 frame standard L. hive bodies painted, with frames, bottoms and covers in good shape for poultry, honey or offers. **T. H. HAMILTON, Paris, Ont.**

### BEEES FOR SALE.

Italian Bees in first-class condition, in 8-frame Langstroth hives. Also choice Extracting Combs at reasonable rates.

**F. A. GEMMILL,**  
Stratford, Ont.

### Growing Tulips and Hyacinths.

The most successful growers of tulips and hyacinths advise the following treatment: If bulbs are wished to flower at Christmas, plant in September, writes Nancy Mann Vaddie in an exquisitely-illustrated article on "The First Flowers" in the April Ladies' Home Journal. They thrive best in a light, thoroughly-drained and rich soil, and in pots not too large. Give plenty of water. Tulips should be planted about two inches below the surface of the soil, but hyacinths should be covered with earth about half the depth of the pot. After planting, set the plants in a dark, cool place, from four to six weeks. When the growth has begun, bring the young plants to the light, but keep them in a cool temperature. Too much forcing will cause the leaves to grow too rankly, and the stock to bend and droop, weakening the bloom as well. The blossoms will last much longer, also, if not subjected to too much heat. If the hyacinth begins to bloom imperfectly, before the stalk has pushed up well from the base of the leaves, put a paper cap over it. Should it burst into bloom on one side, while the bells on the other side remain tightly closed, expose the closed bells to the warmth and light of a lamp, and you will be surprised at the rapidity with which they expand. These bulbs can be grown in water, but the result is never so satisfactory.

### ITALIAN BEES FOR SALE.

\$6 per colony, in 10-frame hive; \$5.50 per colony in 8-frame hive. Size of frames. Langstroth. Address—

**ROBERT HISLOP,**  
Strasburg, Ont.

### Prize-Winners' Eggs.

### BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS

\$1.50 per 13; two sittings, \$3.

**WILLIAM BROWN,**  
Woodbridge, Ont.

### APIARY FOR SALE.

Eight hundred dollars (\$800) in cash will purchase one of the best-appointed apiaries in Canada. 100 colonies. The best of reasons for selling. If you mean business, write me for particulars, or come and see for yourself.

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