

ing about "long tongue", "red clover" and other popular phrases, when he penned such impudence as that. Dr. Miller in a "Stray Straw" in "Gleanings" throws out a word of warning to friend "Hardscrabble", something like this "Say 'John' that tongue of yours will get you into trouble yet, don't you know the truth must not be spoken at all times"?

#### SHALL WE KEEP MORE BEES?

Editor Hutchinson is still driving away at his pet hobby, "keep more bees", and while different people have different ideas, yet there is no denying the fact, that the tendency of the age is more towards specialization than ever. However, the majority of bee-keepers have other irons in the fire and it would be a hard job to persuade many of the fraternity to throw aside everything but the bees. If present weather conditions continue, some of us may conclude that we have too many bees already.

It just comes to my mind that friend Hutchinson has a champion of his theory of 'specializing', in the person of Andrew Carnegie, who in his latest book, expresses himself something like this on the subject, "If you deal in coffee, deal in coffee; if you deal in sugar, deal in sugar; on no account mix the two unless it be at breakfast."

Does clipping queens cause supercedure? T. K. Massey in the "Review" asks this question and answers it thus: "Yes if done in a bungling manner, and not if done rightly". The right way, in his opinion, is that only half of the large wing on one side should be clipped. He says that if both wings on each side are clipped, the queen is certain to be superceded in a short time. While I am not just sure which is

wing's; I am quite sure that in this locality that statement is not correct, as I can show quite a number of queens three years old, that had all their wings clipped close to their bodies. From my limited observation, I don't believe that clipping hastens supercedure, but as has been pointed out by some others it simply shows us when queens have been superceded, which supercedure would have taken place just the same if the queens had not been clipped, only we would not have been aware of the fact.

## Communications

### Advertising Honey.

Dear Editor C. B. J.:

In reply to your request for "suggestions" and articles for C. B. J., allow me to suggest the following thoughts in regard to creating a demand for honey. Why should not every bee-keeper try to advertise the use of honey by experimenting or studying up its uses from bee literature, then letting others know of its uses, through the local papers or through conversations with friends? The use of honey as a table delicacy is often referred to, but what about the stronger grades of honey which are inferior for table use? How many bee-keepers (or their wives) are making a study of the use of honey in cooking and preserving? Though a bachelor myself, I have been making experiments along this line; and I have found that for preserving some fruits honey is excellent; but a point that I have not decided is, which fruits are improved by the use of honey.