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We have great pleasure in presenting on our cover this month a handsome cut showing part of an apiary of 130 colonies owned by Grimoldby Bros., Owen Sound. They run their yard for both comb and extracted honey. They find it pays better to produce both rather than run entirely for one kind. They claim that it also divides the work and makes it more of a pleasure. Their chief flow is from clover and a little from basswood. They get no buckwheat. From the appearance of their yard, we have no hesitation in saying that they are up-to-date bee-keepers.

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An interesting article on cellar wintering appears elsewhere from Mr. David Running, of Grindstone City, Mich. The low and even temperature at which the cellar is kept all winter and during the early spring, is of special interest. Also his scheme of packing after carrying the bees from the cellar. This gives him practically all the advantage obtained from out-door wintering. A warm hive and a dry hive in early spring are most desirable features.

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In reference to what appeared some time ago about the bees working on the refuse, or "pomace" of cider mills, Mr. Chalmers writes us that he has had experience in this matter from a nearby mill in the past. The sour cider is very bad for winter stores. He suggests that where bees are in the neighborhood of a mill the owners should be obliged to dispose of the pomace in a proper manner daily, so that the bees may not have access to it.

In the August American Bee Journal Editor York gives considerable attention to what we wrote in reference to the inspection of hives, in reply to M. M. D., in British Bee Journal. He seems to think we have wounded Editor Root in a tender spot by insinuating that his desire for hive disinfection is brought about because of his connection with the bee supply business, as the burning, scorching or boiling of hives may mean greater sales. He attempts to defend Mr. Root in what appears to be a labored effort, and with considerable method in his madness, applies the scalpel to the alleged wound, and cuts it deeply, slits it up and down, turns it inside out, and when he has his victim bleeding profusely, he turns to his nine thousand audience, and with considerable dramatic force, in effect says: "Now, Mr. Hurley, will you please tell us in plain English why you made THIS wound?" Really, now, Brother York, if we have wounded our contemporary so badly, would it not have been better to have left the healing thereof to ourselves and Brother Root. His reply in Gleanings, August 1st, does not give evidence that he is very badly wounded. What we, and doubtless many of your readers, would have appreciated, however, is your opinion upon the matter under discussion — IS IT NECESSARY TO DISINFECT HIVES?

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Doubt is expressed by two of our correspondents that the dead brood reported by Mr. Schrank is black brood. From the description given they think it is the common dead brood commonly called starved.