

the floor being laid on the top of the joists; the house is then perfectly frost-proof. Treble doors are arranged on the south side, the inside one having glass in the upper part set in a sliding sash which gives sufficient light for extracting purposes during that season. It will be observed that this bee-house rests on the ground with only inch boards for sills, and yet it is frost-proof. The cheapness of the construction will, we think, commend itself to anyone wishing to build. Similar houses have been built with logs by simply building one log house outside of another. In rural districts this plan could be adopted for bee-house or root-house purposes.

A sub-earth ventilation pipe (6 x 8 inches) passing from the centre of the bee house down to a depth of about four or five feet and then away a distance of two hundred feet at that depth, carries the air into the bee-house, while another pipe 12 x 12 inches runs from the ceiling up through the roof to a distance of ten feet above the gable. Slides in this pipe enable us to control the draught as we choose. By the way, we have not as yet said anything of the sun flowers we have sown in this yard; not for shade so much as to aid us in handling bees and prevent robbing in the fall of the year. We find at that season when bees are inclined to rob, that rows of sunflowers planted between the rows of hives not only form a shade but apparently prevent the bees from seeing so readily from one hive to another. We can go to any part of the yard, open a hive and perform the various duties before many robbers find us out; then pass to some other part and do the same. By this arrangement of sunflowers we can handle bees all day where there are two or three hundred colonies without being bothered to any great extent by robbers, whereas in an open yard they would swarm around us in a few minutes.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

THE "ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENT" RISES AND EXPLAINS.

I frankly own that I was mistaken in my supposed identification of "A subscriber (seeking light)." My friend, whom I suspected, neither could nor would have written with the uncalled for asperity which characterizes the second communication.

"A Subscriber (now rejoicing in the light)" disclaims the motive that I had charitably imputed to him. He is not pursuing "innocent fun," nor indulging in a harmless joke. He is using "weapons," taking "a shot at folly," rebuking "injustice" and "wrong." "Weapons" are for war. The "anonymous correspondent" has fired a shot, and it gives him satisfaction to think it has "struck home" and inflicted a wound. Yet he has no "desire to pick a quarrel." Oh! no! He is "distinctly for peace!"

I have met these amiable and peace-loving people before. They cause much contention. If a man cuffs you when you are quietly going about doing your own business, and on being asked to explain, says, "You don't wear your shoe properly, wear it more circumspectly in future," you will be very apt to resent it. Then there is danger of a "quarrel." I will not tamely submit to be hit even with such "legitimate weapons" as "irony," "sarcasm," "satire," and "ridicule," when I have committed no fault. There are other "weapons" equally "legitimate" with which it is proper to strike back again in self-defence.

I gave an explanation of my use of the term "the Canadian Bee-paper" which was sufficient to satisfy any reasonable person. The term was not of my choosing, nor was I free to use the title CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL in the columns of the periodical for which I was writing. The responsibility did not rest with me for employing the term which has been objected to. I had no option in the matter. Editors are absolute sovereigns in their own domain. For many years, and up to the lamented demise of the late Hon. George Brown, the *Mail* was never mentioned by name in the columns of the *Globe*. Having offended the autocrat of the *Globe* by patriotically doing my duty, my own name was rigidly excluded from mention in that journal for some time. During my editorship of the *Winnipeg Sun*, it was never mentioned by name in the other two dailies of the city, though they often alluded to it. There is no ground for imputing blame to me. Mr. Newman is both able and willing to assume entire responsibility in the matter.

When I have been free to speak of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL in my sole individuality, I