

frames in the wire cloth cage in the evening, left the hive that way for forty-eight hours, and then at night we went and pulled the plug out.

Mr. Holtermann. Inexperienced bee-keepers will order a queen by such and such a date. We know the average queen breeder will not send a queen that day; it may not be ready; they make their colony queenless two days before that, and maybe they will not get their queen for quite a while after. Leave your old queen in until you get the new one.

Mr. Gemmill. Most of the queens are introduced today by the cage process, and it is about as safe as any.

Sudden Death.

As a brief account of the sudden death of Richard, my six year old boy, has been published in a number of Canadian papers, and as we have had words of sympathy from many bee-keepers, the request has been made to give particulars in the Canadian Bee Journal. I had no intention of referring to it in the C. B. J., but in response to requests, I reply.

First of all we want to thank all for their kind sympathy. On Monday, the 12th of June, after dinner, contrary to my usual practice, I remained at the house for some time. I felt like resting and did what I do not remember ever doing before at that hour of the day; I lay down in the hammock at the side of the house. Those who were at our house during the winter convention may remember the fair little boy, strong, and the picture of health. He came to me and I asked him if he wanted to go to a gospel meeting for children and he said yes. We arranged that his older brother should take him on the wheel. Then he asked for the hoe, he wanted to plant some radish; not ten minutes after I heard him crying on the other side of the house. I did not go for almost a minute. When I did go his mother was with him, and he said he had pains in his legs. In about a minute he had convulsions. I said he was poisoned. In response to a question he said he only had what we gave him for dinner. I jumped on my wheel and in ten minutes or so had one doctor and in a few minutes another, but all was over in about half an hour. There is no doubt it was sun-stroke as he had no hat on his head. I always went with the boys to the barber and did not allow him to

cut their hair short, but recently I could not go with them. That is the human side of it. But we recognize in it God's hand. It has been for some wise purpose. It reminds us of the uncertainty of time. We may watch and care for ours and ourselves, with all that the wisdom of the human mind sharpened by love can conceive, and our powers then fall short. It teaches us to prepare ourselves and others for the hereafter which all must face, and this experience has brought home to me the fact that I have been too much occupied with affairs of the time when more has been expected of me. I have already publicly signified my intention not to stand for re-election in the city council. I will find more profitable employment, the result of which will not pass away with time.

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Mr. Hoshal. I have been satisfied this long while that there was a very large proportion of wax in the best cleaned refuse we could get. Take ordinary refuse and look at it with the naked eye, and it has every appearance of being rubbish. If you will take that rubbish and put it under a glass and magnify it, you will see that it takes on an altogether different appearance, that instead of being a lot of refuse with a little wax in it, it is a great big lot of wax with just a little refuse in it to color it and deceived the naked eye.

Mr. Dickenson. My experience along that line is something like Mr. Hoshal. I have always had considerable doubt that after extracting combs I got all the wax out. I was quite positive I hadn't and to prove that I was quite positive I have got now a stock of this refuse stored away. I don't know whether I have been waiting for some man like Mr. Gemmill to discover something new, but I must say that according to the explanation he has given us with regard to the pressure he brings to bear on that hot refuse, I have no doubt that I can get considerable wax out of this stock of refuse. So that I shall be very glad to try that process.

Mr. Darling. I have tried two or three