

should not, but such undertakings and opportunities rarely offer and they may be undertaken by one who lays the foundation for success in it, when another, not knowing how to build that foundation and undertake the venture, would utterly fail.

Mr. Heise's article has much that is good in it. With a good article, taste and enterprise, one year with another, it probably pays to show even now, and if one adds to this the desire to benefit bee-keepers generally—as he will—he will have a proportionate reward.

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A Bee Journal with a Question Box has above the department the following "In the multitude of coun-  
A Question Box. sellers there is safety :—Prov. 11—14."

We have every respect for a question drawer and the answers to the questions, but as we have seen some of these departments conducted with such diversity of views and opinions, diametrically opposed to one another, that it is a pretty difficult matter for a beginner to know what to pick out as best. The "safety" must consist in the fact that a great many have opinions diametrically opposed to one another, and that the safety lies in accepting none of them with great certainty.

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Thoughts and Comments.

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The following appears in Gleanings under 'Stray Straws' from Dr. Miller:—"Do bees consume more stores when they have honey-dew? Some of mine starved with what I supposed were sufficient stores." The editor in a foot note adds:—"A few years ago, I believe, it was agreed that the bees would consume less good stores than of poor. Has there been anything to change that opinion? I do not remember.—,"

In the above it would be interesting to know who the bee-keepers' were who

came to the above conclusion, and what claim they have to agree upon the question for the entire fraternity. Not that I do not agree with them, but just to show them up as learned upon this question at least and to find out if they could account for the statement. In my estimation and from practical experience I find that a bee during the time she is confined in the hive displays the least activity when all the conditions prevail for perfect comfort, the temperature right, quiet, darkness and well ripened good honey, perfect stores. When we depart from these conditions, as with honey-dew, the health of the bee is affected and she becomes active, and consequently consumes more stores. With honey-dew as stores there is a greater tendency to set up dysentery. This would largely account for the increased consumption. The inferior quality of the food might also explain some of the difference.

Under the same heading "Black Clothing" is mentioned and the opinion generally is against wearing such in the apiary. I have long had the opinion that black was more likely to attract than any other colors. Then too we rarely find this color in the plant life. This may have something to do with the matter.

F. A. Gemmell, Stratford, says in the Review that the amount of wax he has been able to secure from a set of eight Langstroth combs is 3 lbs. I will guarantee I can take eight Langstroth combs and get 4 lbs of wax from them.

Since the days when D. A. Jones was in his glory as a noted and enterprising bee-keeper, and when he had Frank Benson by to secure Apis Dorsata and did succeed in capturing some specimens, since those days no one, as far as we know has succeeded in doing anything with these bees. In the last number of Gleanings, a missionary, Mr. W. E. Rambo Damoh, C. T. India, gives an account of a colony he has found and his observations. Among other things he says, "The bee-friends could but see these beautiful bees as I saw them through field glasses they would want to have them if only for their beauty. At thirty feet they looked like a five banded Italian queen." Dr. Watts in a director of the Economic Products of India writes, "It would seem that this bee does not build larger cells for drones than for workers, and that the drone is similar shape and size to the worker, differing principally in the head which resembles the head of the drone of Apis Mellifica