

wheat honey until the Lucerne was gone and I had to sell the honey for 8c. a pound, which brought me \$56.00, making \$425 from the bees, which practically cost me nothing, I just fed them a little in the fall.

Q.—How much capital have you invested?

A.—The 25 acres cost me \$3,000, and last year I was offered \$6,000 for the same place. I have had it a little over four years and I have not spent a great deal of money in improving it, except putting up poultry houses. When I got the place I was told that the Spy trees might just as well be cut down, as they did not grow apples bigger than a hickory nut. He took me out to the trees and shook them off, and they were little bits of scabby things that you would not feed to a hog, and no earthly use whatever, but by trimming the trees and spraying them and putting fertilizer on the ground I was able to make them produce some of the finest spies I ever saw; in fact I sent some of them to the Horticultural Exhibition and won first prize with them.

Q.—What do you spray with?

A.—Bordeaux mixture.

I am going to try lime and sulphur. I have a hand pump and I can hire an Indian for \$1.00 a day, and I think the hand pump works all right. My hired labor would cost me about \$250.00 and board. I have a family of six children and nearly all our living comes from the farm. I have two cows and I raise enough hogs for our own living off the farm, and then I have my poultry feed. Last year I had over 100 bushels of corn and I raised enough grain and hay to feed my stock and I pastured them as well. I raise alfalfa hay mostly. I sowed the orchard with buckwheat and when it ripened the chickens gathered it and tramped it down and when apple picking time came, you could not see anything but the stocks.

Q.—Do you keep four horses because you need them all?

A.—I have a pony for the children to drive to school and the other two are colts that I am raising; I am not working the colts. This year I had only one horse to do most of the work with. I consider the colts are worth \$300.00. I have not figured in the amount of poultry and things we use ourselves. I also sold quite a few potatoes, t'at I could have figured in but I have not done so.

Q.—Of course the 25 acres are almost all tillable land; no waste land.

A.—No waste land at all.

Q.—Do you believe in in-breeding for laying hens?

A.—No. I do not think you should follow it too closely. If I was trap-nesting, I certainly would not want to keep males that I did not know were from good producers. You will likely ruin the vitality by inbreeding.

Q.—Where do you put the roosts and nests in those colony houses that you make from piano boxes?

A.—Perches are at the back; nests are near the front.

I start with a Universal hover and I put these in one corner of the house and when the chickens get large enough to do without heat, I just put the perches up.

Q.—How high from the ground would these perches be?

A.—About 20 inches.

Q.—Any dropping boards under them?

A.—No.

Q.—Where do you put the nests?

A.—I have the nests in the front side.

The Chairman—I think the response shows our appreciation of Mr. Clark and I am very pleased indeed to thank you for your kindness in helping us.

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