



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL.

BRO. Newman of the A. B. J. has been appointed judge of bees, honey and supplies at Detroit.

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The Rich lawsuit will be carried to the Court of Appeal if bee-keepers to the number of 1000 will patriotically rally around the Union:

Our Own Apiary.

SWARMING TO EXCESS.

NUMEROUS enquiries have been made regarding the causes of the excessive swarming in many localities this year. There are so many causes that lead to excessive swarming that it would occupy too much space to enumerate them all, but one of the principal is a slow, steady flow of honey and especially if the nectar is thin, it stimulates the bees to breeding and gives them the swarming fever. After they get the swarming fever they retain it some time. We have known colonies to persist in swarming in spite of many efforts to prevent them.

We think if the old queen was moved and the newly hived swarm placed on the old stand excessive swarming would be checked. Hiving the young swarm and placing it by the side of the old one, keeping them side by side until about the seventh day without moving the old colony to the new location, al-

lowing all the workers that had marked their location to return to the new colony on the old stand, has very seldom failed to give good results. The system of tiering up may be adopted as a means of prevention.

We think we are quite safe in saying that the swarming business can be entirely controlled by the apiarist by proper manipulations and care. But we do not think it advisable to prevent judicious increase. Small hives, or rather small brood chambers, have a strong tendency to incite excessive swarming. By the tiering up system we can have small brood chambers, getting the bees strong early. Then with the perforated metal queen excluding honey board we can keep the queen within bounds giving the bees plenty of room for storing so that the brood chamber does not become crowded with bees and honey.

By studying carefully the bees' habits and watching the season, giving them the necessary attention at the right time will, we think, keep off the difficulty complained of, though some of our most experienced bee masters report an unusual number of swarms this season. Thin, stimulative honey was no doubt the cause.

BEES RETURNING HOME WHEN MOVED.

We moved most of the bees in our home apiary as we told you, north west to the new location, in order to catch the fall pasture, and thought on account of its being over two miles that it was