

evaporated down until it is so thick that it cannot run from the cells. Any one who has ever handled leaky and dripping comb honey will appreciate the advantage of this. "Your honey is always so clean and dry—no stickiness about it," was the remark made to me not long ago by a dealer of considerable experience.

After the honey is once well-ripened it is scarcely necessary to keep the room at this high temperature although it would no doubt be advantageous. Unless it is kept reasonably warm and dry all the while, it should be warmed up whenever the weather is very damp or cold. If this is done, the honey will not attract moisture, nor crack, as often happens in very cold weather. If proper care is taken in regard to temperature and dryness, comb honey may be kept in good condition for an indefinite time.

I hope I shall not be thought egotistical if I remind some who have written of this plan as if it were their own, that I was the first to recommend artificial heat for ripening comb honey. "Honor to whom honor is due." Surely, brethren, it does not cost much to give proper credit for an idea.

After you have your honey in good condition for the market, do not ship it off to commission men in large lots unless you are sure it will receive proper care until it is sold. Keep all who handle your honey, whether commission men or retail dealers, constantly supplied, but let their stock on hand be gauged as closely as possible by the running requirements of their trade. Any amount beyond this is safer in your own hands.

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GOOD HONEY YEAR.

THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SEASON OF 1889.

THE lower centre of atmosphere which has been moving eastward struck us quite heavily here to-day, and with its round about-to-the-west motion, brought up some warm air from the sunny South, producing effects that could not be said to be far from those of summer.

Consequently to-day, Feb. 16, colonies are having a busy time in carrying out defunct bees, and rendering the bottom-boards of their hives free from the excrementitious ordure that congregated itself there during the winter months. But maugre all this seemingly unpleasant household work, they are having a pleasant time in exercising their wings—but not their stings; at least not on my cutis as in days gone by, and limbs.

It was a pleasant sight for me to stand and watch them in the act of circumvolution, after being confined so many days to winter quarters. As I stood and looked at my bees cutting divers circles, and ellipses, I could not help thinking about the Minor Planets—of which there are some three hundred—how that, in all their deviating ambits, and their great eccentricity of orbits, they neither touch nor collide with one another; when, if it were desired to lift one out of its orbit, all the rest would have to come along, so numerously intersected are their ambits.

Therefore, I say, the apicultural vista that met my gaze seemed to me to resemble the astronomical sight that presents itself to the eye of the astronomer peering through the immense telescope; and, I can say that it was as pleasant to me as the aforesaid sight of the astronomer is to the man of stars and planets, albeit a modicum of each is visible to the eye at once.

The winter here has been a mild one, and so far all my colonies are alive. Of course we do not know what is coming.

Heaven from all creatures hides the book of fate,
All but the page prescribed, their present state.

and if there is not a killing frost, accompanied with baleful effects to the bees, between this time and spring, I think we can safely say, this year is going to be a boomer for apiarists in general. Therefore, since we have this hope, let those apiarists who have met disaster after disaster, awake themselves out of their lethargic state of misfortune, and press forward to the goal of success, rendering everything in readiness to catch the "honey showers," and be found not napping when the huge gates of nature that guard the honey canal, shall drop open, and let in the "little busy bee."

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Circulars Received.

Geo. E. Hilton, Fremont, Mich.—Eight pages—general supplies.

From Dr. G. L. Tinker, New Philadelphia, Ohio, come his annual circular and price list. The doctor makes about the most handsome white popular sections, it has ever been our pleasure to see.

Messrs C. Dadant, Jas. Hamilton, Hancock Co. Ill., send us their circular regarding Comb Foundation and other supplies. They are perhaps, the largest, Foundation manufacturers in the world, and their make of F'dn. has created for itself a name and a fame unsurpassed. Accompanying their circular comes another referring to the new revision of Langstroth on the "Hive and Honey Bee,"—price \$2.