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## EDITORIAL.

WE are glad to notice in a list of the experimental stations, organized under the Hatch Act in the United States, that Prof. A. J. Cook, Lansing, Mich., has been appointed in charge of the Entomological and Botanical and Forestry Departments, Prof. Edwin Willetts being the director. Congress grants \$15,000 to each State for institutions of this kind.

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We observe that the decision of the United States Supreme Court in regard to the patent on the one-piece section, which was being fought out between Messrs. Fornbrook and A. I. Root, has been given. The costs in the matter will probably amount up to \$4,000. This is one of the bad things about the patent law. After a man gets a patent he does not then know whether or not he is going to be able to retain it, though he certainly thinks that his patent gives him the protection he desires. On the other hand it should teach a lesson that even if your invention is worth patenting you had better let it alone and keep the money which you would spend for the patent in your pocket, otherwise you will be likely to get into trouble. We do not think we shall ever patent anything more in connection with the bee business.

## A QUERY.

Can any of the many readers of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL tell us whether or not anyone has yet tried to fasten foundation in sections by means of a saw-cut all around the inside in the centre of the section? If so, who tried it first, and when?

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The Ohio State bee-keepers are doing big things in the way of a bee and honey show at the State Centennial, which is to be held at Columbus, Ohio, from September 4th to October 10th. Their prize lists foots up to considerably over \$300. It is probable that the annual meeting of the North American Bee-Keepers' Society will be held in Columbus during the exposition, so that the next meeting of the Association will have a double interest. In speaking of this exhibit the editor of *Gleanings* says:—"Our Ohio people get up good displays of honey and implements and supplies in general for the apiary, and some of our Ohio exhibits have been equal to any I have ever seen anywhere, if I may except the Toronto Exhibition. The Canadians are proverbially a little ahead anyway. Maybe we had better get some of them to show us how, especially as this is our centennial year." Some of us will try and get there, but we expect to find an exhibit that knocks the Toronto Exhibition in the shade. If it does not it will not be