

giving the other side of the picture as well. Mr. House has certainly given the "other side" with a vengeance, as a few quotations from his article will testify. "We must travel when the roads are seas of mud, and work when the air is so moist that everything either rusts or moulds. The man who works out of doors has his feet wet half of the time. "The summer is the time of the mosquito and the flea; the time when we look in our shoes in the morning for scorpions and tarantulas—and find them at other times when we don't look for them. "Malaria prevails everywhere, while consumption claims many victims. "The common people have no sanitary conveniences. The closet when there is one is usually in the corner of the kitchen. "There has been two murders within a mile of me and two more within six miles of me, this spring. Robberies are too frequent to take any account of them." In conclusion Mr. House says that he don't mean to imply that Cuba is all bad (wonder how he would describe such a condition?) and that he likes it well enough to stay there, "but there are two sides to the question."

LONGEVITY OF BEES.

Mr. Gill of Col. in same issue of "Review" cites his experience of having bought a three frame nucleus, to which some three months previous a queen had been given in a self-introducing cage. Strange to say, instead of liberating the queen, the bees had built comb over the end of the cage. When Mr. Gill discovered this, the nucleus was yet in fair condition, as the youngest bees must have been about seventy days old, Mr. Gill thinks that this upsets the forty five day limit, as the life of the worker bee during the honey season.

Another important thing noticed was that when he released the queen the bees refused to accept her, although the cage had been in the hive three months. This would seem to imply that the length of time bees are queenless is not always an essential to safe introduction. The author has, however, overlooked a very important condition in giving these bees credit for extra longevity. I refer to the fact that they had no brood to nurse, as from my limited experience am led to believe that brood-rearing is a greater factor in determining the age of the bee, than what honey gathering is. Mention was made in these columns recently, about a queen introduced to a colony late in Sept, that had been queenless since June. To day they are in excellent condition, in fact one of the best in the apiary. As before stated no stimulating whatever was done, so the colony this spring was practically composed of old bees all of which were reared the previous June.

S'pose Fish Don't Bite at Fust.

S'pose fish didn't bite at fust;
 What be you goin' to dew?
 Chuck down your pole, throw out
 your bait
 An' say your fishin's threw?
 Uv' course you hain't; your going 'to
 fish,
 An' fish, an' fish, an' wait
 Until you've ketched your basket full,
 An' used up all your bait.
 S'pose success don't come at fust;
 What be you goin' to dew?
 Throw up the sponge and kick
 yourself,
 An' go to feelin' blue?
 Uv' course you hain't; you've got to
 fish;
 An' bait, an' bait again.
 Bimeby success will bite your hook,
 An' you will pull him in.

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