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QUESTION BOX

Opened by Mr. John Newton, Thamesford.

What are we going to do for bee pasture?

Mr. Fixture: The attack began this year again by the caterpillar, but there is a parasite that is killing so that our trees came out all right this year.

Mr. Darling: There are two classes of worms destroying our basswoods. We had a terrible pest in our section a year ago this summer, in the nature of what is called the forest tree tent caterpillar." It made our basswoods look as if they had been riddled by hail.

Mr. Post: That is what is called tentless; They do not build in nests.

Mr. Darling: Instead of building nests in the fork of the trees they make their web right along the limb, and are found in clusters of trees, never in forests. I presume it is for this reason the term tent caterpillar has been applied.

Brown: Two years ago this tent caterpillar was very destructive

on nearly all kinds of green foliage, but this last season very few of them could be found.

Mr. Darling: There was a parasite around our section; I don't know whether others are troubled with it or not; it was a little larger than the one referred to by Mr. Fisher.

A year ago this last fall, just when the tent caterpillars were in the helpless state of the cocoon, we had a large flock of blackbirds visit us for about a half day; they made a terrible chatter, but they hunted in every nook and corner and destroyed every cocoon they could find. They are what is termed the crow black bird.

Question No. 2. Which kind of bees are the best?

Mr. Newton: That is a pretty hard question to answer. I suppose we all think we have got the best kind of bees. For my own part, I have had the cross between the Italian and Black and they seem to be satisfactory to me.

Mr. Post: That wouldnt answer in my case. I want the Carniolans crossed with the Italians, and a very small proportion of Italian at that. In my experience this season with two apiaries one having 110 Carniolans and the other 108 Italians, the Carniolans through the whole season doubled the amount of honey gathered by the Italians. Besides, I got no

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