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Jaques Balmot, a guide of Mont Blanc, writing to H. A. Gosse, under date December, 1809, gives the following method of treating bees for diarrhoea as practiced by the bee-keepers of Chamonix:

"When we perceive symptoms of diarrhoea we take a flat plate of iron about the thickness of the blade of a knife, which we heat in the fire, making it very hot but not red; then we raise the hive and pour on the iron some good vinegar so that the fumes may mount well within the hive whilst taking care that the bees do not fly. It is necessary to be very active to perform this work."

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Bro. Hutchinson, in the Review, gives very interesting descriptions of his trip to Chicago, and the honey exhibits at the World's Fair, a few of which he pictures having photographed them himself. There is very little in the Review these days that could be criticised, which shows that Bro.

H. is working hard to make his paper worth all it costs. But then, that wouldn't be hard to do, for where is the bee-paper published, a single issue of which is not worth a whole year's subscription? For this reason, it will pay every wide-awake bee-keeper to take several of the best bee-periodicals, and not stop with only one. Also, all the best bee-books should be found in the bee-keeper's library. These are what might be called "reading times," and bee-folks should not permit themselves to fall behind the rest of the world in being posted in their calling. American Bee Journal.

Mrs. Jennie Atchley, in The American Bee Journal, in speaking of Foul Brood, says: "Should I be so unfortunate as to get Foul Brood again among my bees, such as I had in 1893, I would at once burn lock, stock and barrel, and send off and get new hives and bees." She also scores foul brood Inspector McEvoy, for saying that "foul brood started from common dead brood." The sting of this latter criticism is removed by the thorough lady-like manner in which it is made. If we remember rightly Mr. McEvoy would also in CERTAIN CASES burn lock, stock and barrel, but not in all, holding that in the most of cases it may be thoroughly eradicated.

## A Cure For Diphtheria

(Scientific American.)

At the first indication of diphtheria in the throat of a child, make the room close, then take a tin cup, a quantity of tar and turpentine, equal parts. Then hold the cup over the fire, so as to fill the air with the fumes. The little patient, on inhaling the fumes, will cough and spit out all the membranous matter, and the diphtheria will pass out. The fumes of the tar and turpentine loosen the matter in the throat, and thus afford the relief that baffled the skill of the best physician.

Don't miss the next number: it will contain among other good things, a practical sensible article on "How to Transfer."