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Mr. F. Dundas Todd, writing in *Gleanings*, page 941, says: "The best way to open one's eyes is from the rear." This is an epigram deserving of a place among the immortal classics. Again: "I have always found a wrong theory more useful than no theory at all." Good! The persevering, thinking man who follows a wrong theory will soon discover the correct one. It is those who follow no theory at all who make no progress.

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The photo of apiary appearing on our front cover this month is part of the apiary of forty-five colonies of H. A. Smith, of Palermo, Ont. He reports that they did fairly well this season, one colony giving 220 pounds of honey, others giving all the way down to forty pounds. The colony giving 220 pounds is a pure Italian. The poorest colonies are all Blacks. He reports honey as extra fine, all from clover.

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This is perhaps the last issue of the C.B.J. that will reach our readers in time for perusal before the meeting of the U. S. National Association, which meets in Detroit on October 13, 14 and 15. We hope a large delegation of Canadian bee-keepers will attend. The sun palace of the Wayne Hotel, where the Association convenes, is a large room forty or fifty feet across. The sides are of glass and present a beautiful view in the distance. It is an ideal place for such a convention, and we venture to predict that those who attend will not regret it. Secretary Hutchinson has been indefatigable in his efforts to make this convention a success. Insofar as its Secretary is concerned, it deserves success. The indications are that there will be a considerable exhibit of

apicultural appliances, for which some prizes will be offered. Let there be a large turnout from Canada. We are assured of a good welcome.

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A writer in the *Bee-keepers' Record* (British) recommends what he calls "carbolic-camphor" for subduing bees for easy handling. It is easily prepared in the following way: Into a 4 oz. bottle put 1 oz. of carbolic acid in crystals (i.e., pure phenol), and add to this 2 oz. of camphor broken up into little pieces. Immediately they come in contact the two solids begin to run into a liquid, and in a few minutes, with a little shaking, the entire mass will be converted into a clear liquid, having a rather pleasant smell, in which camphor predominates. A few drops of this liquid sprinkled on a sheet subdues the bees in a wonderful manner. There is still another use to which it may be put. Two drops in a tumblerful of water used for cleaning the teeth constitutes a most pleasant antiseptic, and imparts to breath (in the language of advertisement) "a delightful fragrance."

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We are indebted to Thomas William Cowan, editor of the *British Bee Journal*, and author of the *British Bee-keepers' Guide*, for a prospectus of a new work entitled "Wax Craft." We venture the prediction that this work will fill a long-felt want. The size of the work is crown octavo, and the price is placed at two shillings in paper covers; cloth covers, three shillings. The following is the subject matter of the chapters: Chapter I. is historical; chapter III. treats on wax-rendering, taking up all the various methods for accomplishing this by the aid of the sun, by artificial heat, through the