



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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#### OUR OWN APIARY.

WE placed our bees into winter quarters on the 19th., instant, the weather up to that date having been exceptionally fine for this season of the year, with but one or two bad days thrown in to make variety. Just what division there was between the bee-houses and clamps we cannot say until we receive the report from our foreman. We are trying several experiments with the Heddon hive. We shall attempt wintering on the half brood-chamber also on the double brood-chamber and will give the result in the spring. This is the first opportunity we have had in testing the wintering capabilities of this hive as we have heretofore explained. We have taken extra precaution to have everything "just so" as far as possible and hope to speak with the positiveness of experience another season.

#### HIVES READY FOR USE.

Not having the proper storing capacity for the past two seasons we have been using made-up Jones hives for storing the small parts of hives. Within the past month we have, however, thoroughly re-arranged the interior of our store room for hive stuff and are now dispensing with the use of all these hives for storage purposes and are offering them for sale at very reduced rates as will be seen on reference to advertisements elsewhere. They are just as good as new, many of them are painted,

being somewhat soiled is the only objection that can be taken to their being classed as new hives.

#### LUMBER FOR NEXT SEASON.

We have several thousand feet of lumber which we shall carry forward for another season's use and which our friends may depend upon as being thoroughly dry. We have just contracted for another 100,000 feet which will come to us from the mill in a few days. We mention this to show our esteemed customers and friends that we are already making preparations for an extensive season's trade.

#### FEEDING BEES LATE IN THE FALL.

Owing to the sickness and death a couple of weeks ago of a local bee-keeper, we have been called upon by his executors to examine and put in shape his bees, which were in bad shape when we took charge of them.

The deceased had been unwell for some time and the bees had not been cared for at all. The colonies, with few exceptions, were strong in bees, but had no stores; some of them were fast becoming depopulated on this account. We were not called upon to examine them until Nov. 6th, and as the weather at that time happened to be pretty cold we could not do much with them. We had them moved from Hockley, a distance of about ten miles, to Beeton; after getting them here, examined them, doubling up in several instances. We tried feeding thick syrup but the weather was too cold to admit of their tak-