

union except creeds. Creeds die hard it often takes powder and lead to silence them. Well I am not spoiling for a fight, but I think some of those fixed theories should be overhauled, and hope some bee men will notice matters, such as the stored wax, the mating inside of hives, and the old queen mating at swarming time.

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Read again comments on page 160 and you will see we said nothing of the kind. A comb such as you mention would be a curiosity. Read Prof. McLain's experiments in mating queens in confinement. Do we not find dead workers and dead queens at entrance, was it mating killed them? Give us something in support of your theories. Don't merely make statements and expect us to write whole journals to convince you on points accepted by all.

For the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

#### The Apiculturist and the Extractor.

**W**HAT is the matter with the Apiculturist and the honey extractor? What is the extractor to blame for that the Editor of the Apiculturist should fly at it and cuff it up to a peak. Why don't you jump right on it with both feet? Don't you wish you could? The honey extractor is an old tried and faithful friend and it never will budge an inch for you. You who say the extractor must go may yourselves go but the extractor will never follow you. You are the first to rattle your tongue and tire our ears and fill the Journal with your nonsense in praise of some new invention and when you tire of the novelty of praising it the reaction which always comes from such extreme positions will again cause you to flood the JOURNALS with refutation of all your former assertions. So it is too much as Mr. Pringle says, the JOURNALS are about the same thing year after year. There is plenty of room for advancement in apiculture, and the industry would make great strides but for men whose minds are so weak that if a fly alights on one end of an idea of theirs down that end goes. Such people think nothing and seem to care nothing for the harm their pens may do. They forget how many people they are talking to when they write. They have not learned that fools rush in where angels fear to travel. It is all right to have a little fun and laugh at each other's eccentricities in the way we take to raise an article for food, but when a man defames the food itself it shows he lacks

something. If I am raising extracted honey and you are parading your ideas to defame that product you are wronging me as much as if you stole direct from me. You have no right to do it and editors are not doing their duty or using their patrons well in allowing a few self-conceited hair-brained know-alls, whose great ambition is to compel editors to keep on hand a large stock of capital I's in order to be able to print their cussidness, to fill the journals with that which hurts our business. An editor will sell us an extractor and then allow his journal to defame our extracted honey. Is that right? An editor will ask us to defend our products by word and with pen and the next journal will perhaps contain an article which defames our products, written perhaps by the editor. Is that right? The Editor of the C. B. J. seems to take the right stand on this subject, but when the Editor of the Apiculturist whines out that extracted honey has got a bad name, and then three lines farther on calls it stuff. Please don't anyone ask for my opinion for I don't like to say what I think of him. But I will say this much, I think he does not see that he is now giving extracted honey a bad name. A journal is a medium through which we communicate our ideas to each other, but when an editor thinks he owns our ideas and can control them at his own sweet will, even at the expense of our business, he will sooner or later awake to the fact that he has no journal. The man who tries to produce comb honey exclusively, will lose several dollars worth of honey per hive by not having an extractor. Every apiarian who would work to advantage will produce both extracted and comb honey. I fail to see the point which the Editor of Apiculturist tries to make when he sarcastically says the extractor has come to stay but the man must go, and when he advises us to produce less honey do less work and double the profits, and then says in a sickly way "See the point." I must confess I fail to see it.

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#### Early Setting Out Is Best.

**O**N November 6th I put 35 colonies in the cellar for winter, and on April first removed the same number alive and have them all yet. A few are rather weak, but nearly all are better than I ever had them. Now I have gone contrary to the teaching of the masters in setting them out early, just because a few set out early the two previous springs turned out far the best. One last year gave me 200 pounds of honey and doubled.