

Stinger observes in his sting at Mrs. Harrison's three C's) to admit, is true, and reads thus, "It is a great improvement over its former self. It shows vigor and vim that is surprising, also refreshing."

I very much miss the "After Dinner Thoughts" of Bro. John F. Gates, who often contributed to the columns of the C. B. J., reminding me of "Gates Ajar" by his signature. Hope he has not yet "shuffled off this mortal coil."

I see in the A. B. J., volume xxxii, No. 20, page 680, a very interesting article from "Novice" entitled "What ails the bees?" and he goes on to describe what appears to be the "Nameless Disease" or "Bee Paralysis," as it is sometimes called. The symptoms are the same as those described in the same journal, "some twenty years ago," when the disease decimated the apiaries all over the States south and west of the Ohio river. A few of my colonies were effected in a like manner two years since, when I tried all the remedies recommended in the "old reliable," and found them to be unreliable, finally after killing the queens of the diseased colonies, and introducing hybrid queens from unmistakably healthy colonies, I succeeded in eradicating Bee Paralysis from my apiary. My opinion is that the disease is hereditary, and the result of too closely in-breeding. If you wish, I will at a future date, give my reasons for my belief.

By the way the gentleman who signs himself "Novice" in the article above mentioned will kindly pardon me for suggesting that his *nom de plume* should be "Novice" Jr., because Mr. A. I. Root, editor and proprietor of *Gleanings*, wrote regularly for the A. B. Journal over the signature of Novice, "Some twenty years ago," (won't somebody please hit me with a club?) his first article appearing in March 1871, telling "How I came to be a bee-keeper."

Ladies and Gentleman,—I tell you it warms my old heart, makes me young again, when I take down any of the first ten volumes of the "Old Reliable" and re-read the articles written by such men as Doolittle, Davis, Gallup, Grim, Hetherington, Holdridge and a hundred other bright, particular stars of the bee-keeping fraternity.

Now I expect the "Stray Stinger" will stigmatize me as an old fossil; however, I trust not, for I realize almost as much pleasure from an analysis of his "Stray Stings," as ever I did from the pungent witticisms which emanated from the quill-pens of bye-gone years.

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to all, and to all Good Night.

International Bridge, Ontario, Xmas Eve, '93.

[From the date of this it will be noticed

we have had a good stock of articles on hand for some time. What does Mr. Wilkins say now of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. We trust this article will be free of glaring typographical errors. Mr. Wilkins pointed out several in a former issue.—Ed.]



Strictly Business

I don't believe in bribery and corruption in politics or anywhere else, but want to hold out some *very*, *very* tempting inducements for prompt renewals and for new subscribers. One of great prominence is the "Queen offer," which follows.

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We have been waiting and are now in a position to report the safe wintering of a colony, whose queen has given remarkable worker stock. Not only are her bees good to handle, bright Italians, the hive free from brace and burr combs and the comb comparatively free from propolis, but the bees gather a more than average amount of honey. Some of her daughter queens have thrown workers, showing in a marked manner the same characteristics. We offer to new subscribers, for 60 days only, an Italian queen, (a daughter of this queen) and the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL for one year, \$1.50. Renewals to C. B. J. and such a queen, \$1.70. Those in arrears, C. B. J. one year and queen \$1.85, or C. B. J. two years and such a queen \$2.50.

Orders will be filled in rotation as soon as weather will permit of proper rearing and mating of queens.

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This does not exhaust the "worth while" premiums, for we have secured a supply of those famous Augite Fire Mats for cooking purposes. Place them under dishes or tins in which food is to be cooked, and the contents will not burn. They are extremely useful and economical. Most husbands are willing to give the good wife everything possible, to assist in her department, and especially so when the gift will prove as useful to himself as to his wife. 1st, one of these fire mats will be sent free to every subscriber who renews his subscription, within two weeks of the time it expires. We want prompt renewals and expect this will bring them. 2nd, we will give one of these mats to any person who secures a new subscriber for one year, and in addition will give the subscriber one of those handsome Art Portfolios. Subscribers in arrears can get a mat by sending \$1.10, or we will mail a mat to any Canadian address for 20 cents.