



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

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OUR OWN APIARY.

SUNDRY PARAGRAPHS.

WELL, friends: If this week is to be taken as a sample of the amount of business that is to be done during the season, we can only say that it is the most favorable week that we have ever had. Our piles of white basswood are vanishing like snow-banks in springtime.

We have just added some new machinery, by which we make the V-grooved sections, much superior to the old; heretofore we have only made the square groove, now we make both the square and V-shaped groove, and the latter are so smooth and make such perfect corners, that we consider them much the best.

The increased interest in Apiculture has caused a large demand for bees this year, and the orders for colonies coming, as they do in lots of from one to ten, indicate that many are just commencing this season. We thought that the demand was about over, but we have sent out over forty colonies in the last three shipments.

The weather being cold and unfavorable for queen-rearing, we are not as far advanced in this line as usual. We expect it will be two or three weeks before we can ship queens to supply the demand.

We are preparing to breed a large lot of Carniolans, and intend crossing them with a strain of bees which we now have that are a cross of Holy Land, Cyprians and Italians. By selecting and crossing the most valuable strains, we are convinced that there is no pure race that will equal them. A little mixture of Carniolan blood makes the bees slightly darker in color, which is considered objectionable by some. We think, however, that the majority will agree with us in saying that it is their quality that we should

look to, and not their appearance. We have had some crosses of the Carniolan that have given us most satisfactory results.

Our bees are getting very strong, and only await white clover to commence swarming, or rather we will have to begin dividing. The white clover is beginning to bloom in the more favorable localities, and we expect that it will be in full bloom about the 15th. The hawthorn is just in bloom, and the bees are working on it. In two of our apiaries there are large quantities of dwarf or ground maple yielding an immense amount of honey. We would rather have ten acres of ground maple than one hundred acres of fruit bloom. The maple will continue to bloom until white clover comes in, thus filling the gap between fruit bloom and white clover. Sheep buns is also plentiful around one of our apiaries; there is a little around each of them; they are just commencing to flower. The dandelion has been quite a boon to us here; some of our colonies have gathered considerable honey from it.

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A FLAG OF TRUCE.

AS I have been undesignedly the means of stirring up strife between "brethren" Pringle and Thom, and am, I believe, on terms of cordial friendship with both, perhaps I may be permitted to try my hand as a peace-maker between them. I regretted friend Pringle's remark, "no religionists in the world are bound together like bee-men," and felt very much like replying to it, but there was not a tone of good-natured pleasantry pervading the entire article, so I thought I would let it pass. But I am bound, in all candor, to say, that I think Dr. Thom had good ground for his criticism. Mr. Pringle is a thoroughly skilled bee-keeper, but