

ferocity, being maliciously expert in using very pointed stings. The variety (unless in this inspiring western atmosphere it requires more amiability) is not likely to become popular, notwithstanding the marvelous fecundity of the queens. It may be possible, by crossing with some bee of good disposition, to mollify their bad tempers and retain their good qualities.

Of the remaining varieties of the honey-bee, and sub-varieties, including *hybrids*, little is practically known in this country, with the exception of one or two strains of the latter. The "hybrids," resulting from a cross between the Italian queen and the German drone, are well known in Canada and the United States, and, next to the pure Germans and Italians, are perhaps most numerous. These hybrids have excellent qualities: they make superb comb; are active and energetic; and I have observed stand the rigor of our Canadian winters much better than the pure Italians; but they are much less amiable.

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A. W. Humphrey, Parkhill, Ont., secretary-treasurer of the North Middlesex Beekeepers' Association, will take subscriptions for this JOURNAL in his section of country from members of that Association.

Foundation remains at the same price as last week, as also does beeswax with lots offering. A good many who have lost all their bees are, we believe, melting up their combs. This is a course we do not advise, as nearly any beekeeper in the same neighborhood would doubtless be glad to get hold of the combs just as they are, for use in his own apiary.

BEES BY THE POUND.

Some of our friends who have bees to sell by the pound could do quite a business now by advertising in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL as we have dozens of inquiries every day from those whose colonies have been decimated by winter losses.

APICULTURE.

In this issue we publish a portion of the

article on the above subject, which appeared in the February number of the *Popular Science Monthly*, written by Allen Pringle, Esq., of Selby, Ont. Speaking of it the *American Bee Journal* calls it a "good" article, and we second its remarks very emphatically. Friend Pringle is one of Canada's best apiculturists, and not only is he a practical man amongst bees, but he knows also how to put his practice on paper for the benefit of his brother bee-keepers, and he is very generous about doing it.

DISCOUNTS.

All through the winter we have been cutting hives and sections, making up extractors, comb baskets, honey knives, &c., in anticipation of a big rush this spring. On account of the great mortality amongst bees throughout the country we want to help those who were unfortunate, and therefore we will give a discount of 5 per cent. off all goods in our list, except foundation on which we can only allow 3 per cent. When our customers lose money by misfortune, we are anxious to share their loss by assisting them all we can and this is the way we take to do it. We will keep the offer open just as long as we can fill orders with our present staff. On odd-sized goods we will quote special prices. We have still a number of colonies which we can dispose of at prices advertised in this number, subject to these discounts.

A.B.C. OF POTATO CULTURE.

We have just received from Friend Root, of Medina, Ohio, U. S., a book entitled "The A B C of Potato Culture, how to grow them in the largest quantity and of best quality, with the least expenditure of time and labor." The author has been careful to consider all the latest improvements in this branch of agriculture up to the present date. It is illustrated by 20 engravings, is written by T. B. Terry, Hudson, Ohio, U. S. The price is 35 cents, by mail 40 cents. The book is published by A. I. Root, editor of *Gleanings*, is a very valuable work and one which should be in the hands of every farmer and gardener. It contains over 40 pages, and is well printed on fine calendered paper. Hints given in some single pages are alone worth more than double the price of the book. The fact that Friend Root has issued it is a guarantee of its value. Any orders sent to us will be promptly attended to.

BEE MATTER.

We were told by lots of good friends that we would likely find it difficult to obtain sufficient matter for a *weekly BEE JOURNAL* at first and to tell the truth we felt a little doubtful on the point ourselves, but we decided that come what would