

not appreciate the mistake they were making, but blindly carried it into effect, and now endeavor to bolster up their blunder by whatever arguments they can adduce in its favor; and by pelting "nuts" at those who pointed out to them the way of duty. The nuts when broken had a poor flavor, but the duty of cracking them was a genuine pleasure to

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We, Us & Co.

WELL, they have gone, did and done it, haint they? I mean those five that Mr. Newman says are in good company.

I see some of the five are havin' pains for their naughty behavior tord Canada. P'raps some Root tea would give relish. Wasn't it done sleek, anyhow? but the funny part is that they five should make up such a face after giving Canada the bad tastin' medicine. Must be the five knew 'twas bad to take—pretended they put 'lasses into it, didn't they?—five done all the talkin' right away quick, didn't they?—seems five knew their several parts to say, didn't they? They said "run," without laughin' much, and with tears in their fists, and their eyes doubled up, didn't they? yes, guess they did. Thought we believed it all—course they did. Purty big country this is for five to see it all at once, and do it all so quick without askin' nothin' of nobody; yes, guess it is. Golly, it tickled me to see Canada take that stuff without a wrinkle—yes, I was tickled at that. Canada took it—all she said was: "guess that's enough for now." Was goin' to argue a few little pints about the thing, but they're purty dull pints; guess I'll let 'em go. Has any one named it yet? Let's see. As I understand the product of the five, it's the North American Bee-Keepers' National Illinois, International, Incorporated, Affiliated Stock Company Association. Guess that's too much to give myself to—yes, guess it is. Pringle, you're a brick—yes, guess you are; but thar's suthin' 'bout ye that a feller likes jest the same. A feller likes to see kind hearts—yes, he does. You spoke of 'tendin' some of the meetins of that—that concern named above—presume they'd let you come—they'd be polite—they'd say—"why, brother Pringe, you needn't stand out thar, walk right in, you'll find a seat—a seat back there—make yourself as home." Hem, ah—by the way, Mr. President—(hem)—by the way, we have with us to-day, a visitor from Canada—(hem)—I move you, Mr. President, that we extend to him an advisory seat with us; hope—(hem)—that any advice he may have to offer for our benefit will be duly considered, if more important business does not interfere—(hem.)—Good boy, Pringle, they'll let ye in—they'll grin like a Chesy cat, you see. Yes, you was right about us common folks—we that aint in the ring, all like Canada—yes, we do. Let out them five that holler yep, and we're in good company, and there yet remains 64,999,995 people over here that likes Canada—yes, that's quite a number who don't hate you—you bet it is. Have them "slap-jack" cakes and honey ready for me, Pringle. I'm comin' over to go huntin' sometime with you.

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Cui Bono?

AN Incorporated Bee-Keepers' Organization is a big-sounding sentence, but *what good* does it do?—what effect can it have on the community at large—better, greater, or more comprehensive than is worked by an ordinary Bee-Keepers' Convention? Will there be a larger attendance at stock-holders' meetings that would be had, or are had, at Conventions? In the interim can a Board of Directors accomplish more, or in a more satisfactory manner, than do Committees? A Bee-Keepers' Organization can be made national, by making it a representative body, and as such can accomplish greater good than can be brought about in my judgment in any other way. In order to make a corporate body national, each State must incorporate its local association, and the corporation thus formed can unite in creating a grand body that will be representative; but, again I say, *what good* will come of it more than be effected, by forming associations and creating from them a grand body to be composed of representatives?

I ask for information. I am aware of both the good and the evil, too, that comes of corporations. Is the step that has been taken a well advised one? Do the stockholders in an Illinois corporation intend to attempt to make a law unto themselves? Has the industry of bee-keeping been set back or put forward by the creation of a State Corporation?

If bee-keepers were all business men—educated to business methods—a different result from what well may be expected, would follow; but the majority of them are far from being such, and the way and manner they have been swindled in years past put them on the defensive, and on guard against possible evils, and they will at once look for a "cat in the meal," and because they don't understand the "why of it," will say at once—"Cui Bono."

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Imbedding Wire by Electricity.

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PLACE the wire frame over a smooth straight board, a trifle smaller than the frame, until the wire is 1/16 of an inch (or half the thickness of heavy foundation) above the board from end to end, then place the sheet of foundation on the wire; from 1/4 to 1/2 second, when the foundation will drop to the board, and the wire will be imbedded as perfectly as though it grew there. The colder the foundation the better. The battery I use for imbedding wire is an ordinary plunge battery—one I made myself from refuse electric light carbons. The battery complete cost me 10 cents, and a like amount was invested in the acids. The current is strong enough to heat a No. 30 wire, 6 feet long, to 200° or 250° Fahr. If I had much wiring to do, I would rig up a table where one man, after the frames were wired, could imbed from 5 to 10 frames per minute.

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