

It was the only winter for years that I did not keep fire in cellars. So if my unusual losses prove anything, they prove that for my cellars artificial heat is a desirable thing.

Bro. Daniher is anxious, (p. 7) to know how to get drone comb built largely without foundation. I don't know how, but if I wanted to get it done I'll tell you how I think would try. I'd take a colony with laying workers, giving it young bees to strengthen it if necessary, and then take away all its combs.

On page 6, J. R. Kitchin commences:—"It is generally conceded that conventions are of no benefit whatever to the practical beekeeper beyond the sociability connected with them." Is there no possibility of mistake in that? I had supposed that just the opposite was the case, that nine out of every ten, if not ninety-nine out of every one hundred, believed that conventions gave opportunity for learning some things that could not well be learned elsewhere. Certainly the discussions bring out lessons of value that in many cases would not otherwise be brought out at all.

Speaking of conventions, I hope we may see a goodly number of Canadian beekeepers at Chicago next October. I haven't forgotten what a jolly lot of them gathered once at Toronto. By the way, if it hadn't been for that convention at Toronto I doubt if the T super would be in use as it is today. Yes, indeed, conventions are of use beside the sociability.

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#### THOSE PICTURES.

MR. EDITOR. It is not my intention to sue Mr. Rawe for misrepresentation or libel. In the first place, he might compel me to prove that I am better looking than he represented me to be in the picture, and I do not know whether I could do that unless the court would allow the good wife to be the only witness. In the second place, Mr. Rawe is a gentleman, as well as a first class photographer, and I am

pleased that I am in a position to inform you, Mr. Editor and brother beekeepers that Mr. Rawe is at work on a new lot of pictures and a new scale. He says he will make them right or "bust," so those who have not got any yet will be supplied soon, as well as those who have already received one. I would also advise all beekeepers who want queens from those grafted lightning bugs of Clements, to order early, so that they may get an even start with him, or when other people's bees wake up in the morning Clement's will have all the honey.

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#### SPRING TREATMENT OF BEES.

MR. EDITOR.—The question is very frequently asked.—"Will beekeeping pay a profit on the amount invested?" etc.

The profit derived from beekeeping depends entirely on the care and attention one gives his bees at the right time. If you expect to go into the business and let your bees take care of themselves, you had better give the idea up.

See to your bees in early spring, and as soon as they begin to fly remove the batten boards, clean them thoroughly, and replace them. Then, on some warm day, look them over and see that they are all supplied with laying queens. As soon as they begin to seal their brood one can easily tell whether they are drone layers; if they are, destroy them, and unite the bees with another colony and re-queen all queenless colonies you may have in early spring. In Crawford Co., Iowa, last spring, whilst talking to an old beekeeper there, he told me he never saw a drone layer, and did not believe there was such a creature in existence. In looking over his apiary of fifty colonies I found two of them. Before I left he had very different ideas in regard to several previous doubtful points in the art of beekeeping.

In this locality white and other clovers begin to furnish nectar from June 10th to 20th. The clover season lasts about a month and is succeeded by the linden,