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EDITORIAL.

THE total value of honey imported into the United Kingdom during the month of January, 1890 amounted to £1066.

A tea-spoonful of flax-seed taken in porridge in the morning is a grand thing for indigestion. After reading the *Api culturist* for March 1, we certainly recommend this to brother Alley.

Why, we are at a loss to understand, but Mr. Alley seems inclined to think that we penned an editorial comment relative to his "swarmer" with a desire to take away any credit due him. Such was far from our intention. We made the simple statement that our foreman "used a similar arrangement in 1887, made of perforated metal, but did not have an opportunity of carrying his experiments far enough to warrant us in putting the matter before readers of the C. B. J." After a good deal of unnecessary blather, and thinking, to corner us up, he asks why our foreman didn't have an opportunity to carry out his experiments with the

"swarmer" lately. We answer, for the best of reasons, because he was not our foreman, and, personally, we did not have time, being engaged with matters entirely foreign to bee-keeping the whole of the time.

We are willing to give Mr. Alley the credit of having first published the automatic "swarmer," but there are many others who have experimented and tested in this direction and the publication of Mr. A's swarmer has brought the rest of them out. A similar device appears in the Record (British) for March, and one which the editor of that Journal thinks better of than of Alley's. Why he should be so jealous of his invention as to not wish to give other people credit for any inventive genius is beyond our ken.

Within the past month there have been a number of Association meetings in the U. S. Among these are the Vermont, the Wisconsin, the Indiana, the New York, the North Eastern Michigan, the Maine, and others. And though we have scanned the reports of the conventions very closely, yet in not one instance (save in Ohio) have we observed a reference to the question of affiliation with the International American Bee Association. Surely our U.S. friends aren't going to refuse the medicine they prescribed themselves.

Le Rucher for February contains a full report of the apiarian exhibits at the Paris exposition.