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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

To cleanse wax, Dr. Miller, in "Gleanings in Bee Culture," quotes the German Bee Journal, "Pfaelzer Bienenzeitung" as recommending to boil the wax in salt water, two or three repetitions making it beautifully clear. We use sulphuric acid. Salt, if as effectual, would be much more convenient for bee-keepers generally..

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The "British Bee Journal" gives a picture of the Canadian honey exhibit at St. Louis and says, "Canada had a splendid trophy of honey, both run and in comb.. About fifty exhibitors had contributed toward this collective exhibit which weighed about one ton."

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We regret to learn of the sudden death of one of our British bee-keeping friends and readers, Mr. S. J. Baldwin, of Bromley Apiaries, Kent, England. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Baldwin when over in this country on business a few years ago. The old gentleman was in New Jersey on business when the sad event took place. His family have our sincerest sympathy.

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Mr. Arthur Laing, writing us from Morant Bay, Jamaica, draws our attention to an error in our statement regarding the price of honey on the Island (C. B. J. Dec., 1904). He says "the price is from 2 or 2½c to 3c a

pound. A bee-keeper sold several barrels the other day at 1 5-7c, the purchaser furnishing the barrels, of course. The above are facts and not "hobgoblin dreams."

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Mrs. R. H. Smith has joined her husband on the Island, where they purpose remaining until toward the end of March, when they will return to prepare for the season in Canada. Mr. Smith writes that his bees on the lowlands are working well on the logwood bloom. Like Mr. Laing, he has come to the conclusion, however, that bee-keeping in Jamaica is not without its difficulties. To use his own words: "I find that for Jamaica, bee-keeping needs to be studied up as much as for any other country, and I am satisfied, so far as I have seen, that it is as easy to keep bees in Canada as here, and that the winter in Canada is not so much of a drawback after all."

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The Norfolk County Bee-keepers' Association is arranging for a meeting with Brant and adjoining counties associations at Simcoe, on February 9th and 10th. The sessions will be held in the council chamber Thursday, February 9th, afternoon and evening, and Friday, February 10th, morning and afternoon, and will be conducted principally in the form of a question drawer on general management, and addresses and discussions on the marketing of honey. These joint meetings have become an annual affair between the county associations, and are conducive of much benefit to the industry, owing to the similarity of conditions.

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There were a number of new apicultural inventions on exhibit at the recent show in Toronto. First prize was awarded to Mr. William Bayless of Grandview, Ont., on an adjustable division board for closing off a part of the hive in case of a weak colony, or for