

countries be exhibited properly labeled, to indicate what country they are from. We would have clay cylinders from two to three feet in length from Cyprus; we would have cylinders made of wicker work, coated on the outside with camel chips from some parts of Palestine, and from other parts we would have clay cylinders; from parts of Africa we would have a wicker work covered similar to those in Palestine, only a much thicker coat, far better constructed, as the camel chips are mixed with water until it becomes a tough paste, which is sometimes put on with moss or grass mixed through it which makes it, very strong. The native hives of Africa, India, and many other foreign parts would be very interesting for many to look at them. Can we not have a limb from a tree with combs *apis dorsata* hanging on it?

How very interesting it would be if those foreign countries would exert themselves to send us comb and bees preserved in alcohol, of all the various races, and give us all information possible connected with them; and no doubt Mr. Benton could make suggestions that would be of great value to the Committee, and if he does not go in search of foreign races we would suggest by all means that he be one of the Committee, as he would be able to write to many foreigners in their own language, and so explain matters to them that they could understand much better than if written by inexperienced persons in Eastern customs and habits.

Then again, would it not be possible to have a colony of *apis dorsata*, and some of the bees from Timor and Papua and other foreign parts on exhibition. How interesting it would be—what a stimulus it would give to bee-keeping—many thousands more would visit the exhibition to see these new races at work there? If these foreign races are to be had, and there is no one to be got as well adapted to go in search of them as Mr. Benton, he should be despatched at once. If this course is to be taken why do not the bee-keepers of the United States wake up and speak as with one voice to the proper authorities to have these preliminaries attended to? No doubt if Mr. Benton went East he could secure many other valuable things to be placed on exhibition; and if the government of the United States would

bear the expense they would be doubly repaid by the results of such an expedition.

We will perhaps have more to say on this subject in a future issue.

We have just received E. L. Gould's catalogue, which seems more complete than former ones. We have also published a full catalogue for Messrs. Wm. Stuckey, of Grand Valley, and W.R. Sterling, of Rondon. Both gentlemen appear to carry full lines, and their prices seem very reasonable. Mrs. Jennie Atchely, of Floyd, Texas, has just sent her neatly gotten up twelve page catalogue.

A lady bee-keeper has just written us that she has —lbs. of honey on hand, very nice basswood that she would dispose of. The sample she sent is very good, and the price she asks, 9c., is very reasonable. Any one requiring any at the above price we will have it forwarded to them by her. She is a widow with a large family to support, and any one who could take her entire crop or part of it would be doing her a great kindness.

I have bought from the D. A. Jones Co. the following sizes of sections, which I offer for sale at \$1.00 per M. f. o. b. in Beeton. All of them will fit the 8 or 9 frame Jones' Hive—Double slotted:— $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . E. T. STRANGWAYS.

I have for sale the following sizes of sections made last August by the D. A. Jones Co. I will sell the lot, or I will sell any part of it. They are made from the best white basswood. I want an offer for the lot or for any size in the list:—Single slotted:—1,000  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; 1,000  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 7$  to the foot; 1,000  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5,000  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2,000  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9,000  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ; 1,000  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Double slotted:—9,000  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 7$  to the foot; 8,000  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ .—E. T. STRANGWAYS, Beeton, Feb. 15, '92.

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