

## Literary Notes

Fashions in woman's attire for the ensuing spring will be shown in eighty pictures in the March Ladies' Home Journal. Thirty pictures of the newest spring hats designed especially for the Journal will be included in the number, which covers every essential for the well-dressed woman.

"The Topeka Daily Capital," Topeka, Kansas, announces that Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps" will on the 13th March next assume the entire business control of that paper for six days. For that period he will be its absolute owner, dictate its policy, edit its columns and control its advertising. In a word he will embody his idea of what a christian daily newspaper should be. This is something unique in the history of Journalism and will be watched with interest.

We have received from the publishers, The Central Press Agency, of Toronto, a copy of their Directory of Canadian Newspapers for 1900. This is the first issue of such a directory by the Company referred to, and it is very creditable to their diligence and enterprise. The obtaining of information for such a work means a lot of energy and patience, and the book, carefully compiled as it appears to be, cannot fail to be a most useful work of reference to advertisers and all who wish to obtain information respecting the publications of Canada and Newfoundland.

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### How to Get a Start in Bee-Keeping.

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"How to get a start in bee-keeping." That start doubtless contemplates that

equipment necessary to ensure success under ordinary circumstances. The first investment need not represent much cash. The beginner should buy only one text book, and a few colonies of Italian bees in good movable comb hives—he should subscribe for a bee paper also. With these he is prepared to begin his preparation, which consists of a knowledge of the habits of the bees and how to supply their wants. While the habits of the bees are about the same everywhere, it would be impossible to give figures and dates for manipulating them in a given locality unless the writer was thoroughly acquainted with that particular section. To be well prepared the bee-keeper must know at what time each and every tree and plant is in bloom, and if there be other source of honey, he should know at what time to expect it. This knowledge can only be had by patient and persistent observation. Keep a journal, and in it note the flora of your section and condition of your bees once a week for a number of years, and you will have gained knowledge that will be more valuable to you than that attained from any other source. Nearly all the books written on bee-culture, are written on the basis of white clover as the source of the honey crop, and give instructions for obtaining a crop from it.

When you read your book do not accept as true any unreasonable statement that is in it. Listen to all the bee-keepers in your section when you chance to meet them. If they talk about the king, don't dispute with them—if they say the drones lay all the eggs, don't turn away, but listen—they may know something that will do you good. Don't be too hard on the ignoramus. We were just like him once—maybe yet.

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