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AUTUMN.

winest Autumn! who may paint thee best,
ever changeful o'er the changeful globe?
Who guess thy certain crown, thy favorite crest,
the fashion of thy many-colored robe?
Sometimes we see thee stretched upon the ground,
fading wood where acorns patter fast,
cropping to feed thy husky boars around,
crunching among the leaves the ripened mast;
Sometimes at work where ancient granary floors
are open wide, a thresher stout and hale,
softened with chaff up-wafted from thy flail,
while south winds sweep along the dusty floors;
And sometimes fast asleep at noontide hours,
covered on sheaves and shaded from the heat,
with Plenty at thy feet,
holding a coronet of oaten straw and flowers.

—R. H. STODDARD.

The Importance of Bee Keeping.

Few people in America realize the importance of the bee-keeping industry. It is estimated that Europe produces about \$18,000,000 worth of wax and honey, and that a similar result results from the benefits conferred by the fertilizing habits of the bees. So highly is this industry esteemed abroad that Germany has 1,000,000 hives; Spain, 1,690,000; Austria, 1,550,000; France, 950,000; Holland, 240,000; Russia, 110,000; Denmark, 99,000; Belgium, 200,000; Greece, 30,000. These countries collectively consume their own honey supply. There is no reason why our consumption should not be proportionately great. The chief obstacle is the general ignorance of the value of honey as food and the use of it only as an occasional treat instead of an article of daily food.

Annual
Meeting

BEE-KEEPERS'
ASSOCIATION
OF ONTARIO

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Mr. Armstrong: I am a little surprised at Mr. Chrysler's statement regarding sweet clover honey. There was a sample of it on this table yesterday or the day before, but I did not think to bring it along this morning. I would be safe in saying that two-thirds of the members who sampled that honey said, "I rather like that." I didn't know what sweet clover was until I went to Buffalo, but I might be safe in saying there are hundreds of acres there and Mr. Hershiser told me the same thing as Mr. Couse has told you.

Mr. Chrysler: I did too, but it is not like mine. I will say I think there is only a portion of sweet clover in it.

Mr. Armstrong: I believe that Mr. Hershiser knew what he was talking about. I saw his surroundings and I was at different places around the city of Buffalo and I didn't see any other clover of any kind and this was gathered late as I understood him. I said to him I want a sample of that honey before I go home, and he went and got me this sample and gave it to me and as