

Apiaries for Santa Barbara Co., Cal. gives the following method of using the drug for the cure of foul and black brood: "I use a Goodrich Atomizer No. 4, and formaldehyde equal part with water. Go to the hive to be treated and raise the body of the hive in front enough to work so as to spray the liquid on to the bottom board. The bottlefull will be enough for six hives for one application, which I make three as a course of treatment. I make the application about two weeks apart and apply it cold and do no more than to spray it on the bottom board. If it is sprayed on the combs it will kill all that it touches.

The gas dries up the diseased matter in the cells and the bees clean it out and make everything shine and the colony soon becomes strong and prosperous; but the hive must have ventilation or the gas will asphyxiate the bees, and that makes a bad matter worse. If the hive is tight, the cover must be raised by placing something between it and the top of the hive about a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick."

Although I have quoted at some length, will frankly admit that I have no faith in the treatment described and would have paid no attention to the item if it had not been written by an Inspector of Apiaries. However it is so simple that any one can try it and prove things to their own satisfaction.

BEEES AS EMBALMERS

A correspondent in "Gleanings" relates that, on the bottom board of a strong colony he noticed a long crooked ridge of wax and propolis. On opening the ridge he found a snake about eight inches long. The bees had stung it to death and being unable to move it had done the next best thing—hermetically sealed it over. There was no smell and the snake was perfectly preserved.

Talk about embalming as being a lost art. Verily our little friends seem to be able to rival the ancient Egyptians in this particular craft.

ANOTHER BEE-KEEPER'S PARADISE

Space in December "Review" is pretty well monopolized by a description of portions of Northern Michigan from a bee-keepers standpoint, Raspberries in this instance is the source of the nectar and shillings.

The articles with engravings form interesting matter and almost makes me think I would like to keep bees up there.

Friend W. Z. H. certainly has the knack of writing up a location in a very "catchy" way. Guess we hadn't better invite him to visit us here in Ontario for fear his "write up" might induce so many to migrate to this "Bee-Keepers Paradise's" as to cause crowding.

ECHOES FROM THE TRENTON CONVENTION.

Admitting the truth of the old adage "all's well that ends well," believe that the meeting at Trenton will go on record as one the best ever held. There is no doubt that for some time, there has been an undercurrent of opinion in the minds of the majority of members of the O. B. K. A. that certain matters need a little adjusting.

While the resolution causing such a lengthy debate was by a very small majority laid over for another year, yet the fact of it receiving the support that it did is in itself significant.

Am more than ever convinced that for the worst part, changes advocated would be for the betterment of the association, and have reason to believe that such is the opinion of many other members. As to the matter of reducing the directorate would call attention to the fact that the