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EDITORIAL.

OUR OWN APIARY.

THE month just passed has been a rather peculiar one. We have had considerable cold weather and the bees did not seem to gather much until the last week of the month since when they have done exceedingly well.

SURE OF WINTER STORES.

We have changed our usual routine of management in the matter of extracting and we now have in every hive a good deal more honey than will be needed to carry the colonies successfully through the winter. We shall leave this honey just where it is for a couple of weeks yet and perhaps longer. It is all in top stories and we can at any time extract it after the season is over and our bees prepared for winter quarters. By this method we shall perhaps lose a certain amount of honey, but what we do have will be of just that much better quality and our bees will be sure of their winter supply.

During the last month it has been terribly hard work to handle the bees, and some days it seemed almost impossible to do anything with them, even a good smoking sometimes having but little effect. We have therefore had to use a tent almost altogether.

FALL PREPARATIONS.

There will in all probability be but very little honey gathered from now on,

and every colony should at once be examined as to its condition.

We too often neglect to look after the bees when the honey harvest is once over. In many cases colonies will be found queenless. If the colony is strong they will probably yet be able to rear a queen providing they already have queen cells in the hive. In case they have not it were better to supply them with a queen at once.

Should the colony be light it had better be united with the next weaker colony.

All swarms from this date should be returned to the hives from whence they issue.

The apiary should be put in good order, every hive not in use should be stored up either in-doors or under cover of some kind. Nothing should be left lying around loosely. Instead have your yard in such a shape that you will not feel ashamed when your friends visit you and express a desire to see through your apiary.

BREEDING FOR BUSINESS.

Every apiary has in it certain colonies which do better than any others, both in the matter of increase and of honey gathering. Now is the time to decide on arrangements for another season when note should be taken of the best colonies in the yard. The bees that have done the best business for you and that have produced good-looking bees are the ones you want but do not let this last item be