

tion I require for the season, pack it away in a box and then press it at any leisure time or just before requiring it, if preferred fresh, and with all have the room at an agreeable temperature. The next use of this stove is with the oven, which is 15 inches long, 13 inches wide and 13 inches deep, which has a centre division dividing it into an upper and lower apartment, which, of course, as with wood stoves, can be removed if desired. Now, by placing a thin board on the centre division, foundation, such as you may want to place in sections or brood frames may be placed thereon and sufficient heat applied to make it easily workable, even though the day be cold. This alone where one has much to do will soon repay the cost of a stove. Another use I have for the oven portion which can be removed from the stove, is in liquifying honey that may have become candied after being bottled or put into tumblers. As this happens during the cold weather when the wood stove is always in use, I had a casting made which fits as does a pot in one of the openings of an ordinary wood stove, only the rim on this casting is large enough to cover the under part of the oven referred to. You then place your vessels of candied honey in the oven when a moderate fire will soon render it liquid without danger to the glass or injury to the labels. The oven of an ordinary wood stove will not do as the heat does not come enough from below. I have never used it in warming my bee cellar or in rearing queens, but presume there are other things in apiculture to which it may be used to advantage. I would say, however, in selecting a stove choose one with ample space between the burning wicks and the reservoir for the coal oil. I am told that otherwise the oil will become hot and liable to explode.

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Bird's Eye View of Bee-keeping.

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IN reading over, in last JOURNAL, the special and very liberal offer of premiums made by the publishers for new subscribers, I notice Rev. W. F. Clark's new work, "Bird's Eye View of Bee Keeping," in the list of valuable books and articles to be generously given as premiums. And this reminds me to say the word now about the "Bird's Eye" which I intended to say on reading it two or three months ago. When the book reached me last summer I was so busy amongst the bees that, although it

is short, I had not the time to spare to read it, and so laid it safely away where it rested till winter—that literary paradise of the bee-keeper. This is my apology for not having had a word to say of it before.

Upon reading the "Bird's Eye View" I remember that I was strongly impressed with its terse matter-of-fact and thoroughly plain and practical character. It is certainly an admirable little hand book for the average bee-keeper and beginner, to be supplemented of course by the journals and text books. Being written in excellent verse it is pleasant and interesting reading as well as useful.

Of course I cannot agree with the whole of Mr. Clarke's positions in his little book, but that is no reason why I should not heartily commend it. We bee-keepers have the habit, like other, people, of differing in judgment and opinion on sundry matters of our favorite pursuit, but we agree to disagree. And as apiculture is not mathematics there is ample room for these differences.

There is one other point (which is, however, literary rather than apiarian in character) upon which I shall have to differ from not only the author but the whole of the reviewers of the work so far as I have noticed. I cannot admit that the "Bird's Eye View of Bee-Keeping" is "poetry." It is rhyme or verse, but such is not necessarily poetic. There may be as much difference between verse and poetry as between sentiment and reason or science and aesthetics. Some of Mr. Clarke's prose writing contains much more poetry than the "Bird's Eye." Indeed, in writing prose he not infrequently gives expression to very fine poetic sentiment. But in detailing dry apiarian facts and hive manipulations we could hardly expect much poetry. Mr. Clarke has ingeniously and with excellent literary effect cast them into verse, and we simply say, well done! At the same time we must call things by their right names. But in buying friend Clarke's book, or earning it as a premium, I can assure the young apiarist that though he does not get poetry he gets what to him is much better, viz. facts well told and worth many times the price of the little book,

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CONVENTION NOTICE.

The North Middlesex Bee-Keepers' Association will meet in the Town Hall, Parkhill, on Thursday 31st March. There will be an afternoon and evening session. A large attendance is anticipated. A good line of supplies will be on exhibition.

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