

himself of the benefit of his discovery as well as the Chicago man who made the \$4,000 clear. The chemist's full address was in the Detroit city directories three years ago, and if he is now residing there the curious, no doubt, could easily obtain an interview.

G. J. MOLONEY.

We have added to the offer of \$1000 by A. I. Root another \$500, and we are prepared to pay that amount for such a machine, or machines or if the *process* alone, can be shown us, and proven a success by actual experiment. While exhibiting at the London Exhibition last October a reporter on the *Advertiser* of that city, came along, and began talking about the artificial honey which was on exhibition. He wanted to "write us up." To some of the exhibitors he made the statement that there was any amount of this spurious article made down in Montreal and he could furnish the recipe if necessary, getting it through a friend. Coming along just at this time we were asked our opinion, and we gave it substantially as follows: That if he could furnish us with a recipe, even whereby we could make comb honey, that should look and sell like that then before us, we would give him \$1000. This offer did not shut him up, and he went away satisfied that what he has said was true, and assuring us that he could get the recipe. It has not, however, come to our hands as yet. Needless to say, a man coming to us with such stories on his lips, did not get the opportunity of "writing us up."

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

STIMULATIVE FEEDING—BUILDING UP—ROBBING.

QUERY, No. 122.—In spring management, is it profitable to feed strong colonies with plenty of honey—for stimulating them to increase brood rearing? (2.) The best way to build up weak swarms without injuring strong ones,—best way to prevent robbing?

JUDGE ANDREWS, McKENNY, TEXAS.—(1) I do not think it is. (2) I do not think there is any

best way. If you can do it at all, you beat me. (3) Have no weak stocks nor expose any honey near your stands.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—(1) No. (2) By a judicious selection of frames of brood and feeding a little every day when no honey is coming in. (3) Use caution in all you undertake. Care prevents robbing in many cases.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—(1) Have not found it so after repeated trials. (2) Wait till warm weather, when brood can be easily spared from the strong, and a few bees in the weak can care for it. (3) Keep only strong colonies.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—I have entirely abandoned stimulative feeding at any time of the year, after giving it, what satisfies me, a thorough trial. The best way to build up weak colonies in the spring, (supposing they have plenty of honey and pollen in the hive) is to keep them as warm as possible.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—(1) The feeding will certainly stimulate most bees to harder effort. (2) Stimulate as suggested above, and give capped brood cautiously as other colonies can spare it and the weak ones care for it. (3) Keep only strong colonies. When bees are idle only work with them under bee tent.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, OHIO.—(1) Not generally. (2) It will not injure strong colonies as much as it will benefit weak ones, to use brood from the strong ones to build the weak ones up with in the spring. If the building up is to be done during a honey flow, give weak colonies only as much room as they can occupy and let them do their own building up. (3) Adjust the entrance to the strength of the colony.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—(1) It does not pay me, and I think it will not pay any one. (2) Keep them as warm as possible. To prevent robbing, don't let them get a start. But if they do get to robbing a hive, cover it over with some rubber cloths, or sheets, and if the case is a bad one, keep the cloths drenched with cold water till the trouble is over.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—(1) I think not. The better way is to uncap a few cells each day, till the honey yield begins. (2) By using the nucleus plan, which can be found in any of the recent works on apiculture. Allow no cause of robbing to exist; be careful not to open hives when no honey is being gathered; keep all colonies queened, and give weak colonies contracted entrances.