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BEE-STINGS vs. RHEUMATISM.

At the expense of worrying our good friend, Dr. Mason, the littlest bit in the world, we recommend to his attention the following communication which we have just received from that practical and experienced authority on bees and their belongings and doings, Mr. R. F. Holtermann, on the subject of bee-stings as a cure for rheumatism. We wish

to premise Mr. Holtermann's note with the assertion that whether bee-stings cure rheumatism or whether they do not the circumstance or incident—or whatever else he may please to style it—has not the smallest particle of interest in it for ourselves personally. We are happy to say that we have never been afflicted with rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, or any other of its kindred and tormenting allies, and the consequence is that a bee sting would be of no value to us, whilst more than one might be decidedly objectionable. Dr. Mason will therefore observe that we are entirely disinterested in our recommendation of the addition of this valuable remedy to his pharmacopœia. As a rule, we object, as he does, to anything that savors of empiricism, or that may be regarded as coming within the category of questionable therapeutics, and although we have upon a previous occasion employed an expression which might painfully impress the excellent doctor with the idea that our views in regard to medical practice savored somewhat of latitudinarianism and left us open to the insinuation that we had a leaning in the direction of homœopathic treatment, we beg to assure him that he is quite mistaken on that point, and that we are too conservative in our