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TOO MANY SUITES

I have an overstock of Bedroom Suites; more, in fact, than I can set up, even in my large show rooms. Many are still in the canvas, just as they came from the manufacturers, but a large number are set up ready for your inspection. To reduce the stock I have reduced the prices again. That brings some of them down very low; for instance, that \$15 suite that I reduced to \$18, I have now cut to \$12, the \$18 to \$15, the \$20 to \$17, and so on; but this will only last until I get some of them sold, because there is no money in it, except for you.

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BEES ON A RAMPAGE.

They Stung Everything on the Farm; Was it a Case of Robbing?

FRIEND ROOT:—I am inclined to think there are times in the life of every bee-keeper when he wishes he had never seen nor heard of a bee, no matter how enthusiastic he or she is or ever was. Such were my thoughts and experience late one evening during the latter part of last August. The fuss began near sundown. Had it been earlier in the day, I really do not know what would have become of us all. It seemed as though all of my 50 colonies went on a rampage all of a sudden, which vexed me so I felt that, if it were in my power, I should like to kick the whole outfit clear across the continent into the middle of the Pacific Ocean, so furious were my little pets. The strife and havoc were terrible while the trouble lasted. The first intimation I had of the fuss, I was quietly cutting some weeds from under a clump of rosebushes that grew on the lawn, when, all at once, about half a dozen bees stung me in the face and on the back of the neck. It struck me at once that I had cut into a swarm that had settled there. The bees kept popping it to me as I broke to the house for a veil. Then I heard my little boy, 12 years old, cry out, "The bees are stinging!"

Grandpa, who was in the barn lot pumping water for the stock, was told to run or they would sting him to death. I got a bee-veil, and my wife grabbed several pieces of old carpet off the fence. Grandpa was down, all covered with bees. We got him up, and all hands made a dive and got into the barn. I peeped out from my hiding-place, and saw the cows running wild for the pasture, with their tails high up in the air. The horses were running, stamping, biting, and kicking, all at the same time. Pigs were squealing, running, and twisting their bodies in all shapes. Our old tomcat ran into the barn, with his tail as large as a rolling-pin, while the dog ran off the place. The chickens and turkeys came in for their share, and such a scattering and squalling were never seen or heard before. Several half grown turkeys were stung to death. Every fowl as well as every quadruped on the place, I think, was stung more or less. The onslaught lasted until dark. Had this thing happened earlier in the day I do not know what would have happened. As it was, had no one help grandpa, he

was a boy. This presence of mind saved my life. Next morning they came straggling in. They had been on the rampage and had exhausted their fury in the dark. The air was thick with bees. They ever after acted as innocently as if they never contemplated mischief.

Now, Friend Root, I think there are several things that lie beyond our ken about bees, as well as the invisibility of man.

Rampage usually occurs when the bees are generally quiescent, in the cases I have observed or heard of. The larger the apiary the more intense the disturbance.

W. S. HOUSE.

QUABBIN.

MONDAY, JAN. 8.—The municipal election passed off quietly last Monday, the Reformers coming out victorious, returning their five men with a good majority.

The patrons of Mallorytown Union Cheese Manufacturing Company held their annual entertainment in the Old Fellows' Hall. The Mallory orchestra, from Brockville, furnished excellent music for the occasion. Speeches from Prof. Robertson, D. Derbyshire, Rev. J. J. Wright, Rev. Lewis Conley, and others. Altogether, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

M. C. Trickey is on the sick list. Miss Libbie Thomson, our former teacher, is attending the Brockville high school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Monroe, of Toronto, are visiting at A. H. McDonald's.

Miss May Cook, Yonge Mills, has been engaged as teacher for 1894. At our annual meeting M. N. Kavanaugh was re-elected as trustee.

La grippe is quite common in this section. The majority of people have had it.

The trustees of this section intend building a new school house next summer.

Miss Jessie Trickey returned to Brockville to day, where she is attending the business college.

Mr. Gene Haermaa's new residence makes a great improvement to Main street.

Mr. T. Gavin purchased a very fine piano last week.

Registry of Births, &c.

Parties whose duty it is to register births, marriages or deaths with the village clerk, Athens, must do so before Saturday next, 13th inst., or be liable to a fine of \$20.00 and costs. Don't

JOSIE MANSFIELD AGAIN.

She and Her Husband, Robert L. Reads, Agree to Separate.

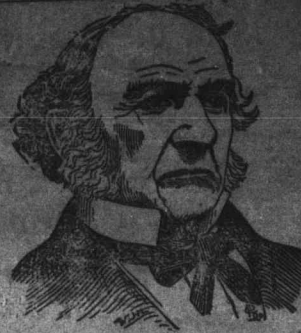
The woman who is best known to the public as Josie Mansfield has separated from her second husband, Mr. Robert L. Reads, whom she married in London Oct. 16, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Reads have parted company on anything but amicable terms, according to the New York Herald. Mrs. Reads returned to America with the intention of settling down in his native land and allowing the Atlantic to roll between himself and his wife.

Mrs. Reads was probably the subject of more gossip 20 years ago than any woman who had ever lived in this hemisphere. That was long before she met the man from whom she is now separated. It was on her account that Edward S. Stokes killed James Fisk, Jr.

She was wonderfully charming at the time she enamored the gallant Colonel Fisk, more than a score of years ago. Her smart carriage, her gorgeous diamonds and her fetching dresses—all gifts of the great operator in Erie stock—were the talk of the town. Her name was a household word. Bonnets, mantles and a peculiar fashion of dressing the hair were named for her.

She quarreled with Fisk and he became jealous of the attention she received from Stokes. After long bickering threats were made that all the letters and telegrams Fisk had sent her would be published. The great speculator obtained an injunction preventing Stokes from making these papers public. The shooting of Fisk followed soon afterward.

Josie Mansfield sued Colonel Fisk's widow for \$300,000, claiming that the colonel had owed her that amount. She lost this suit and then went to live in Boston. She found the life a most uncomfortable rest.



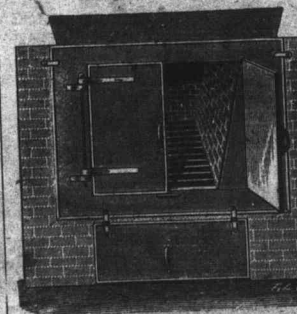
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JOSIE MANSFIELD.

dence, as crowds followed her and hooted at her in the streets. She fled to Paris where she has since lived.

Her first husband was Frank Lawlor, an actor of some note. She was in San Francisco at the time of her marriage to him. Her maiden name was Warren. Lawlor after the Fisk shooting, declared in an interview that he had married her to protect her from her parents, who had tried to blackmail a man named Perley through her. She and Lawlor lived together until 1890, when she divorced some years ago.

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