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Reports that have come to us thus far give the pleasing assurance that bees are coming out of winter quarters in splendid shape. It is to be hoped that the weather from now on will be favorable for rapid breeding. The heavy and continued snow of this winter, and its manner of melting this spring, was most favorable to the hay and clover crop, in that the frost has not done much heaving, the snow remaining as a protection right up almost to the first of April. The indications all point to a bumper year.

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Mr. Jacob Haberer, of Zurich, reports that his bees had a good flight on the 25th of March, after about four months' confinement. Quite a few colonies showed sentery, with more than an average number of dead bees, and more than an average consumption of stores. No colonies dead, but a number very weak. An earlier spring than last year is needed, as spring dwindling will do much harm. Bees in the cellar are fairly quiet, with more dead bees on the floor than usual. Those entirely buried under the snow during the winter seem to be about as good as any. It also appears that the sugar colonies are better than the others. He is sorry he did not feed more. He is of the opinion that there is no other point which bee-keepers are more universally agreed than that of sugar feeding for winter stores. This, he says, is especially so in Germany.

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The cut appearing on the first page of this month is a display of honey made by John Bailey, Sr., at the Bracebridge

Exhibition. It is a very nice display, and proves Mr. Bailey to be a bee-keeper of some enterprise. He writes: "Your page of 'Dont's' by Mr. Anguish was very good. Don't forget to attend to the entrances of the beehives wintered on their summer stands. My plan is to place a small box about 6"x6"x12" close to the front of the hive. It won't clog with either dead bees or ice. If covered deep in snow all winter, so much the better. What do you think of the honey bee exhibited as a curiosity? I showed an observatory hive of bees competing for a prize as a curiosity, and it was rejected as such. I am much pleased with the C.B.J., and appreciate the index for last year very much." [We do not see why exhibition authorities should reject the exhibiting of an observatory hive of bees. It is not usual to offer prizes for this, but a more interesting thing than a hive of bees to the public could scarcely be imagined. Possibly in this case no prizes were offered. Mr. Anguish's "Dont's" seem to have taken hold. He promised us some more. Possibly he has dug himself out of the snow by this time, and we may hear from him yet.]

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Mr. Wm. Beuglas writes that he fears he has not made quite clear to the reader what his thought was in the last three lines on page 92. He says the idea he wished to convey was to shut the old entrance of the top hive so that the only exit would be down through the queen-excluder to the lower entrance. This is why the paper was torn at this point, to allow them to pass down.