

that work till fruit bloom or golden willow at the earliest.

Page 50, February C. B. J., I am made to say that Gleanings is aiding in the crusade against allowing the glucose interests to label their product "Cane Syrup." Of course, this should be "Corn" syrup. Even a corporation having the temerity of the Glucose Trust would not dare use the word "cane" when speaking of their product.

SPRING MANAGEMENT

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As we swing out into the month of March, there comes to every student in apiculture an ever-increasing desire to know how "our pets" are wintering. Being no exception to this general rule, I have this day yielded to the impulse, and, along with the other "students" of this very fascinating pursuit, we "had a look." Our cellar repository seems a very comfortable place for the stock, and the mercury has remained quite steady during the winter at 46 degrees, with variations of three degrees following very high or very low temperature outside.

We found the colonies looking very snug as they clustered down to the bottom board, and so quiet and motionless that the individual unaccustomed to bees would almost suppose they were dead. We noticed three colonies which seemed to be wearying of the cellar (being in repository since November 8th), and were spotting the hives a little. The hurried investigation was, however, quite satisfactory, and we look forward to the date of "setting out bees" with a degree of confidence and pleasure.

Perhaps a word or two in reference to setting out, etc., may be helpful to

some beginners, and the seniors will, no doubt, be content to "pass it unnoticed" if happily the other fellows are helped. Well, as soon as the snow is off our yards we take the first bright, calm morning with temperature at about 50 degrees and rising, to begin operations. Hive covers are distributed so as to be convenient to bees when carried out, a few extra bottom boards are scattered through the yard, and we are ready.

As each colony is carried to its summer stand, the bottom boards are changed, giving all a clean floor at once, and while we are doing this, we carefully note conditions of each colony as regards stores for use until bloom appears, condition of bees, condition of queen, etc., then tuck them up snug and warm as possible, giving only as much entrance space as the bees demand. In this connection, we have observed that a very liberal covering of newspapers, before placing hive lid in position, serves a very useful purpose as a conservator of heat. Having satisfied ourselves that conditions are about right, we think it important that an Alexander feeder be attached to each hive, so that feed may be given quietly on the evening of every day which has been dark, cold or cloudy, so that bees could not go out after supplies. The frequent opening of hives just to satisfy curiosity should not be tolerated, and if hive manipulation must be done, a date should be, if possible, chosen when weather is warm enough for bees to fly freely.

And now, Mr. Editor, I'll ring off and shall try and not detain you so long when I "call up" again.

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