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a little higher than raspberries, but I  
prefer to cut them close, as they throw  
out stronger canes.

I cultivate, thoroughly and often  
until the first of July; then keep the  
weeds cleared from around the plants.  
If they are cultivated later they will  
keep on growing so late in the season  
that they will be caught by frost and  
killed back to or near the ground, or  
they may be completely killed after  
the frost comes and the leaves drop.  
Wet the ground thoroughly around the  
plants and mulch with coarse litter,  
bedding from the barn, or partly rotted  
straw.

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## ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION IN BEEKEEPING—I.

Far less interest than should be, and  
was at one time, is at the present day  
taken in beekeeping by farmers gener-  
ally. When one wants to produce  
tons of honey, going into beekeeping  
on a large scale, it requires a special in-  
clination to the work, and a consider-  
able investment of capital. There are  
not many so inclined, but on most  
farms could be kept a dozen or so  
colonies of bees, to furnish one of the  
most delicious sweets in the world.  
Honey will not be consumed by the  
average family in the quantities it de-  
serves if it has to be purchased. Were  
each farmer to keep a few colonies to  
furnish honey for the table there would  
be little need for purchasing cough  
medicines for the children, and fewer  
diseases, now so prevalent, due to an  
excessive consumption of sugar.

Except when only two or three  
colonies are kept, there will be a hand-  
some profit from a small farm apiary.  
In fact, the profit per colony can be  
considerably more in small apiaries  
than when the colonies are numbered  
by the hundred. In my experience it  
is more profitable than any other rural  
pursuit I know of, to be run in con-  
nection with a general farm. It is not  
my intention to give the impression that  
beekeeping is all play and no work.  
There is a certain amount of work that  
has to be done, but, when the apiary  
is small, this need not interfere with the  
other general farm work.

To me no other work is so fascinating  
as that done with the bees. I may  
come home from the field tired and  
hungry, when a walk in the apiary will  
be restful, and make me forget about  
the cravings of the "inner man," too, till  
reminded of the honey, with other things  
waiting on the table, by another family  
member.

To furnish oneself with this delicious  
sweet, for taking the place of cheap,  
unhealthful sweetmeats, is of no small  
importance. Children will have sweets,  
you know, because it is a natural crav-  
ing of their system.

Bees have a work of yet more im-  
portance to fulfil. I refer to the great  
aid they are in the proper fertiliza-  
tion of blossoms. Most varieties of  
fruit are benefited by the bees at bloom-  
ing time. Indeed, some varieties of  
pears and other fruit trees, as well as  
vegetables, are almost wholly de-  
pendent on insects for proper fertiliza-  
tion of the flowers. I said insects, for  
other little winged creations will help  
in this important work. But they  
generally are far too few. Yet, when  
the orchards or clover fields are of con-  
siderable size, even two or three colonies  
of bees, with all of the other insects aid-  
ing in cross-fertilizing, will not be suffi-  
cient in numbers for efficient work.

I know that all of you have seen de-  
formed apples, such as where one side  
was not well developed. It may not  
have occurred to you that this is due  
to incomplete fertilization of the flowers  
preceding the fruits. The seed vessel on  
the poorly-developed side of an apple  
will be found to contain but an abortive  
seed—"kisses," as young folk call them,  
when naming apples. Now, of course,  
this poor seed does no harm, but such  
imperfectly-developed fruit is lower in  
market value. It is said that as many  
distinct fertilizations as an apple has  
seed vessels are necessary for the per-  
fect development of perfect fruit. It  
may be thought that the bees from Mr.  
So-and-So's apiary will visit one's or-  
chard. Quite true, but the bees may  
be too far away, or insufficient in num-  
bers, to do thorough work. Then, cold  
and rainy weather may leave the bees  
little time for working on the blossoms.

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