ba. Will Mr. Pringle please explain? It may be too late for use this season, but the information will keep. GEO. BINNIE. South Grey, June 14th, 1888.

ANSWER BY A. PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.

As to burying bees and other modes of wintering. I shall go into these subjects in the fall in the Journal, in time for service before putting bees into winter quarters.

The "queen clipping" and its objects may be briefly explained as follows:

In a few days after the young queen hatches from her cell (from five to ten days on an average) age) she leaves the hive or nucleus on her bridge effection of a bridal tour," generally in the afternoon of a fine day, when she meets the drone in copulation on the on the wing, and becomes fertilized for life as a Worker laying queen.

The virgin queen lays fertile drone eggs, but on hatti and the virgin queen lays tertile urons can she lay work. worker eggs. Some other insects besides the Queen bee have this virgin fertility (partheno-

The young queen may fail in becoming mated the same areas the trial on her first excursion, when she repeats the trial till are first excursion, when she repeated the nuptials are consummated. After the needing and the nuptials are consummated. And the meeting, which takes place on the wing and which terminates the life of the drone, the fecundary of the conditions of became determinates the life of the division of nucleus whence dependent of the division two or three whence she came, and usually in two or three days it she came, and usually in two deposit days thereafter begins to lay, that is, to deposit worker comb. As worker eggs in the cells of the worker comb. As soon as she thus begins to lay worker eggs, we may as she thus begins to lay worker that safely clip her wings, as it is unnecessary that she wings. This can be that she should again take wing. This can be done by done by almost any one who can handle bees. Brooke the colony a little at the entrance first, then it. then lift the cover and quitt or honey board off, give the top, lift out give them a little more smoke at the top, lift out the frame a little more smoke at the top, lift out the frames one after another till you find her, pick has one after another till you find her, pick her gently off the frame with the left hand by the mently off the frame with the left hand on your 1. wing, let her rest or give her foothold on your kine, let her rest or give her roothers then with right hand with a pair of sharp sissors of off a right hand with a pair of sharp sissors which is free tom your hand, and gently place her back on to let her in the hive, It is better, however, let he rame where you can to let her run on the hive, It is better, now..., observe her run on the frame where you can if she in the for a few moments, for occasionally, if she is much agitated, and also on account of the foreign much agitated, and also on account of the foreign much agitated. the foreign scent received from your person, the workers when the scent received from your person, the workers with the scenario of the scenar workers attack her (called technically "balling") and hold workers attack her (called technically "banning , and hold her prisoner, sometimes stinging her hold her prisoner, sometimes stinging her middle of the day when the bees are busy at if, however, you observe the workers angrily secure around her in a knot when she is released her again and place her in a little wire secure around her in a knot when sne case well outcage over the frames, daubing the cage well outside with the frames, daubing the cage well about the side with honey, leave her here till about the lour hone ext day, when gently lift the quilt, pour honey over the cage, partially remove the stoppes and close up stopper so that she can crawl out, and close up the hive.

I am not speaking here to professionals, but to the amateurs. There is no use in telling a beginner in queen clipping to take a longitudinal alice off one wing, embracing about one-third off

of it, etc., etc. If he gets a clean clip of about one-half off one wing without taking something else off with it, all will be well, and practice will make him perfect.

The advantages of having the fertile queens clipped are so obvious as to require no special elucidation. How it diminishes the work and worry of the swarming season in the apiary, I have already explained.

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