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INTERDEPENDENCE OF APICUL- TURE AND HORTICULTURE.

There is an old proverb which says, "If ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." Unfortunately, in all the realm of worldly economy ignorance is the rule and wisdom the exception. There is no royal road to wisdom, and in order to acquire it one has generally to wade through the sloughs and quagmires of a sometimes bitter experience.

And it generally takes some time to bridge the gulf between the two conditions—a life-time too frequently; so that with acquisition of the treasure opportunity is lost for enriching one's neighbors.

In no particular branch of human industry have we any better illustration of the truth of our proposition than in the relations which have been permitted to exist between the two occupations referred to—apiculture and horticulture. These two industries, each of them essential to the actual existence of the other, have assumed the most hostile attitudes, and instead of pulling together for mutual profit and general advantage, a spirit of antipathy and antagonism has been cultivated between those who raised fruits and flowers and those who raised honey, the effect of which has been very materially injurious to the best interests of both.

We think, however, and we are happy to admit, that time which is the consumer of all things has pretty nearly disposed of this perplexity as well as many others, and that the time has gone by when the keeping of bees within certain limits was regarded as a statutory offence, and the ostracism of their keepers a salutary dispensation.

So long as ignorance of substantial facts prevailed it is possible that a shadow of excuse may have been found for a reasonable amount of