

this direction? I think not! Then why not let the good work go on, and not try to discourage a man who has perhaps spent days, months, and years in thought and experiments, only to have such epithets hurled at him when he produces his invention, as "Crank," "Smart Alex," "he thinks he has found a mare's nest," and other sarcastic remarks that I have heard come from men who have never halted for a moment to ascertain whether the article has true merit, or whether it is a step in advance. But on account of the inventor's youthfulness, both he, and his invention are denounced as "no good", without a trial, or jury. And the genius who might have made a mark for himself in the bee-keeping world, drops into oblivion. I do not wish to imply that bee-keepers should rush into expensive experiments with every new, and untried idea that may be launched upon them. But don't throw sand in an "inventor's" eyes, just because he has given to a matter a great deal of thought and labour, when you have given it none whatever.

(Now back to my subject.) I next wish to call attention to the building provided for the display of the apiarian exhibits. I consider the accommodation that it affords entirely inadequate to what should be the demands of honey and apiarian exhibitors, both in capacity and lighting. In the first place, the space granted to each exhibitor is not sufficient to allow his exhibit being set up to the best possible advantage, and crowding one exhibit so close upon another as they have been in the past, there is no preceptible distinction to the casual observer, unless it be in the different coloring of the decorations. The bee-keepers should urge upon the exhibition management to remedy this evil, by providing a building of sufficient length and width, that a central stand could be arranged its entire length, and of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the honey on exhibition. And having a passage on either side, as well as one between each exhibitor's display. Or perhaps it would be economizing space to arrange the stands on the sides of the building, with a wide passage in the centre for the accommodation of the sight seers. In either case light should be excluded from the ends, and all the light admitted from the sides directly above the pyramids of honey. Thus more equality of light would be secured to each exhibition? which has been very much lacking in the past, as any one who was at all observant could easily see how the color of honey was effected by the shade

of light which it received on account of the peculiar position which it occupied. I think I see an improvement in another direction, it is the proximity which apiarian supplies and equipments have always occupied to the displays of honey. Separate space should be provided for supplies, because when they are piled up on the same table with the honey, they mar the beauty and attractiveness of that display, and anyone not acquainted with the requirements in the way of supplies, after having viewed a magnificent display of nature's purest sweets, and then allowing their eye to drop upon a promiscuous pile of wood, leather, tin, and iron, would no doubt wonder what that has to do with honey. Fixtures are one thing, honey is another, then why not have them separately displayed. Some who read this twaddle will no doubt wonder when this picker came into so much supposed knowledge of apicultural exhibits, for they may say "he has never been an exhibitor" which is quite true. He has nevertheless been quite intimately connected with such exhibits the past fall, and he had his blind eye open. "See?"

Questions and Answers.

DEAR SIR,—On Oct. 8th, last, I received your kind favor in reply to enquiries I made as to prices of bee books, etc. Since then I have purchased two swarms of common black bees; one a first swarm, and the other a second swarm of same stock as first, and now I wish to trouble you further by asking information on several points. I have a copy of Root's A. B. C., but have not yet taken any bee journal. And here, by the way, I may say, I did not receive any copies of the "Canadian Bee Journal," which you said you had mailed on Oct. 8th. In first place, the bees I have are said to be exceedingly cross, and if I succeed in wintering them both, I want to Italianise them as soon as possible. One swarm is good and strong, the other is weak and has apparently very little honey stored. They are both in single board hives of the Jones type, I think the frames measure 13½ deep by 11 wide, 13 to the hive. I have placed them on a stand outside in garden. I have put them close together inside a packing case, with a space of about two inches all