

little cotton fibre sticking up any place they commenced pulling at it and gnawing the combs to get it out, thinking it a moth web; then they commenced gnawing away the combs, and it was not an uncommon thing to find a handful of cotton batting in front of these hives we were experimenting with, built with combs or partially so, with the cloth base in the foundation. What was said of this at the time, we thought would thoroughly post all bee-keepers, but we found out to our astonishment that he never thought it worth while to subscribe for a bee journal, which would have saved him all expense in experimenting and patenting his useless invention. This is another instance showing clearly how blind people are to their own interests. No person can possibly be a successful bee-keeper without taking a bee journal. Those who take several are doubly repaid for their outlay. The valuable information that they receive enables them to save more in time and labor in simplifying their business and cheapening their product. For several years we exhibited *The Lord's Prayer, God Save the Queen*, and many other curiosities in connection with bee-keeping. We took the best double-calendered linen paper printed on it in large bold type anything we wished, then dipped it in beeswax and put it through the comb foundation mill, then placed it in the hive, the bees would lengthen out the cells and fill them with honey or brood as the case may be. We usually placed them where the bees would fill them with honey instead of brood in order that the comb might be as bright as possible, then by holding this comb up to the light you could read at the base of the cells the inscription. We would suggest that some of our bee-keeping friends take either this linen paper or what is called tracing linen, which is perhaps a little more expensive, but will stand more rough usage and answer the purpose better, and on it have a good picture of Rev. L. L. Langstroth, with a short sketch of his life, then dip it in bright clear beeswax, pass it through the mill making a slight impression on it, hang it in the hive and have the cells drawn out full length; take any honey out of it that may be in the cells, and have the comb on exhibition at the

World's Fair. Why not have a fine large picture of George Washington, also Christopher Columbus? Sections of comb honey might be filled in a similar way, so that when the honey was eaten off down to the base of the cells the pictures of these gentlemen would be in the centre of the section. Perhaps some of our ingenious friends will be able to photograph on nicely capped comb honey the picture of the purchaser or producer, or something that would make it attractive, and bring our industry more prominently before the public in this way.

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