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larvæ, also, are fed different "pap" from that given queen larvæ. considered less concentrated. This, and the different size of the cells in which worker bees develop, make them a different bee from the queens, though the eggs are said to be the same. For the first six days of their life workers do inside hive work only; that is, under normal conditions. Their duties are "wax-secreting," as it is called, and comb-building, and ventilating the hive when necessary, assisting in ripen-

ing the honey, preparing "pap," and feeding larvæ, and other duties. When acting as "nurse" bees, they predigest a mixture of pollen and honey, and deposit this milky feed into cells containing larvæ. Pollen, the dust gathered by field bees from flowers, is absolutely necessary for preparing this larval feed. Pollen, after some modification by the bees, is what our grandfathers termed "bee-bread."

After the worker bees leave the hives their great life-work commences. Flying from flower to flower, they add to the tiny load of nectar in their honey-stomachs, until there is no room for more. Then, with their powerful wings, that a wise Providence has given them, they hasten homeward to unload the precious sweet, and gather more while the flow lasts, for in a few days the flowers may cease to secrete nectar. When a heavy nectar flow is on, the worker bees will tremble, seemingly with nervous energy, as though, like the gambler at the table, fearing the loss of a great stake. Some consider that they pant as a person out of breath.

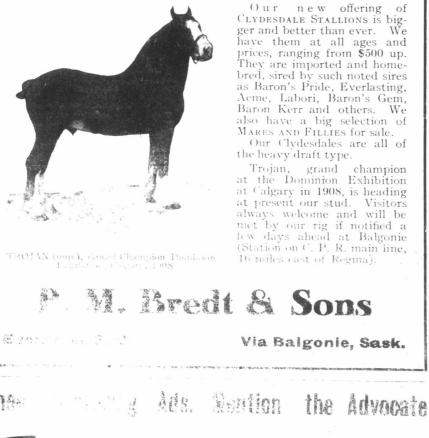
But, alas! how soon ends their useful life. Only six to eight weeks before a downy bee, just emerged from the cell; to-day a veteran, with torn and ragged wings—not placed on the pen-sion list to pass its last days in tran-quility, but mercilessly dragged from the hive by its younger mates, as no longer of any economic use in the great industrious laboratory of the hive.

The age or longevity of the workers is what often puzzles beginners. It appears incredulous that the workers live such a short time. I once read a newspaper report that a certain feminine beekeeper had bees fifteen years old, as for so many years the bees had been in the same loggum without once dying out. Now, the fact is, the work-er bees of this season do not live for another season's labor. During the fall, winter and spring months, when the bees are comparatively inactive, they will live for five or six months, but when hard at work gathering nectar, their life is so shortened that they live, on an average, to be but six to eight weeks old.

We can now better comprehend why nature has endowed queens with the egg-laying powers they possess. As the ranks of the workers are so constantly thinned, it is necessary that there should be an adequate number of recruits. If this were not the case, a hive would in time become depopulated.

Some colonies will carry away their dead comrades from the hives; others, when weather is adverse, will let them accumulate in front of the hive stands.





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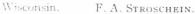
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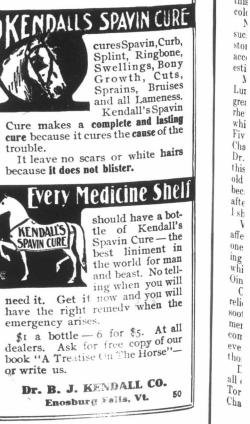
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This sometimes frightens beginners. A person to whom I had sold a colony once came to me and anxiously ex plained that his bees were dying off by the hundreds. I took him into my apiary, and soon made plain that conditions of his colony were normal.

To briefly consider drones, they are the "papa" bees, or, at least, those that fertilize queens are "papas." This is, so far as known, their only use in hive economy. When they are no longer needed, the worker bees dispose of them, by driving them from the hives and refusing them life-sustenance. They are not wintered over, except sometimes when there has been a flow of honey late in the fall, or if the colony is queenless, but make their appearance in this locality about at swarming time, though in some places, I am told, six to eight weeks before swarming, and stay about till nectar-gathering ceases. They are reared in drone cells, which are larger than worker cells, and emerge from the cells in about twenty-four days from the time the eggs are laid. As drones consume much honey, their production should be curtailed.





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