

keepers as a body about as little as anything apicultural, which is being discussed at the present time, namely, the importation of "Apis Dorsata," a species of bee that cannot be domesticated in her native land. Call that good things? Although it has been tried and tried again. A bee that will desert both brood and honey, and abscond, call that good things? What? Call it good things to talk about the importation of a bee that is reported to have a "long" tongue, but whose other characteristics are such that she cannot be persuaded to remain in a modern hive and work for her owners. Then what use is that tongue even though it be as long as the moral law? Oh, doctor, it is clearly the duty of someone to instruct Editor Hutchinson to change the title of that department—good things, etc.

From past experience I may say I know that forest leaves make the best top winter packing of anything that has yet been tried in this locality. I know also that there is a marked difference in leaves from different trees; for instance maple, basswood and elm leaves are far more susceptible to moisture from outside than

to the ones of a more velvety nature. Who knows where the truth lies?

I put 46 supers of unfinished sections in the shop cellar, piling them up crossways, and then opened the door about Oct. 1st. The weather was fine, and it took the bees



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beech or oak. But whether this susceptibility is a benefit or a detriment to the bees from inside, I have not been able to satisfy myself on, but I incline to the opinion that beech leaves are preferable

about two days to clean them, combs gnawed a little, but not seriously—Stray Straw Gleanings. The Editor's foot note to the above straw reads thus: [This, or a similar method, is the only practical way of emptying out unfinished sections. They may be piled in stacked-up hives with a small entrance, or in a dark cellar where it takes the bees a little time to find their way to the honey. If I am not mistaken nearly all the largest comb honey producers use either one or the other method, but you will remember that it was opposed pretty vigorously by some of the leading lights at Philadelphia, on the ground that it has a tendency to incite robbers, and that bees once robbers were always robbers. We have tried the plan here at the home of the honey-bees a good many times, and I do not see that bees are any worse off when it is over with than when it began.—ED.] In the next straw, on the same page (746) the doctor has this to say: "You can take partly filled sections and place them in the upper storey of a colony