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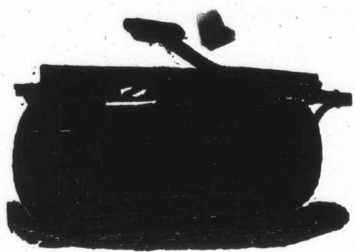
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Local Notes

Dress-making apprentices wanted—Miss BYERS.

The highest price paid for Wool in cash, or exchange for cloth, or yarn, at the Athens Woolen Mill.—Jas. F. Gordon.

The village of Portland expects a building boom this season. Many new buildings are to be erected this summer, among which there is likely to be a first class hotel. It is expected that a very large number of tourists will visit Portland this summer.

Marriage with a deceased wife's sister, in the colonies, is now legal. A bill to that effect has passed a second reading in the imperial house. Strath cone championed it, and it had the support of the royal family.

The wild fruit crop promises to be very heavy this year. Every nook and corner is white with strawberry bloom; the raspberries give great promise; the blueberries are making a splendid showing; the woods are white with the bloom of cherry and other trees. The cool weather in April and early May retarded its early development.

Farmers in the Newboro section have already contracted to supply 120 acres of corn, 40 acres of peas, 10 acres of beans, 5 acres of pumpkins, and 5 acres of tomatoes to the canning factory this season. It is also intended to engage largely in canning apples and what small fruit may be had. In the winter months the factory will be employed canning pork and beans.

The St. Lawrence News says: A common sight in the low country around Brimston's Corners and the Branch, after the great rain last Saturday, was people paddling around their farms on punts and rafts, some houses being completely surrounded by water. The gravel road in many places was covered by a foot of water. The loss to the farmers in that section will be severe.

Co-Adjutor Bishop.

At the meeting of the synod of the diocese of Ontario, held at Kingston last week, Very Reverend L. W. Williams, D.D., Dean of Quebec, was unanimously chosen for the high office. On being notified of his election, Dean Williams promptly declined the honor, and another selection will have to be made. A meeting of the synod is called for the 20th inst.

LAKE ELOIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foley and children are guests of Mr. Theo. Foley. Negotiations are under way for opening a post office in this neighborhood.

Grain and hay are looking fine at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Duclon spent Sunday at Easton's Corners, visiting friends.

Mr. James Love is busy repairing his barn.

Mrs. Madden Hewitt is on the sick list.

Mr. James Sheldon is engaged putting up Shedd fence for S. S. Holmes. A Henderson sold a fine horse to Geo. Cavanagh.

ELBE MILLS.

TUESDAY, June 12.—Our cheese factory is getting along splendidly, having received 13,000 lbs of milk on Monday last. Mr. H. Hollingsworth is the proprietor.

Mrs. Manford Pierce, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, presented her husband with a baby boy on the 11th inst.

The party who is in the habit of resorting to barns and other buildings in this village at unreasonable hours had better discontinue his visits or he may get into trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blair of Ellisville were visiting friends here on Saturday last, and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brown.

Mrs. Allie Thornhill of Athens is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Halliday.



Random Notes on Bees.

Heavy Losses in a Large Number of Apiaries—Some of the Many Causes Named.

The destructive losses in many apiaries in the spring of 1900 will leave a sad and disheartening impression on the minds of beekeepers who have met with disaster but will at the same time impart experience and information that some otherwise could not have readily learned.

More than forty years ago, nearly all the bees in the New England states died in one spring of what the experts of that day called pneumonia, caused by cold and damp, and northerly winds—an hour of bright sunshine and an hour of dark shadow alternating all day—almost incessant exposure—more than decimating the colony in half a day. Shutting bees in, in such a case, may sometimes do more harm than good. I cannot stop to tell how or why.

When bees are so reduced by cold that they cannot carry on the several domestic divisions of labor, they are soon indifferent to any disturbance, prefer to lounge, decline to work, much less to do two kinds of work. A warm, well-fed bee is willing to pick up any neglected work. It requires many feeds daily to each tiny cell of unsealed brood, therefore the supplies must be plentiful.

A hive well filled with young bees last October, weighing 65 or 70 lbs., endured the late severe test well, but many a colony that I penciled on the hive cover May first as good or A 1, a few days after I had to mark it down to Fair, in a little time Medium, then Doubtful, then Gone—some of these cases without a parallel in my memory.

We may call 15000 bees an average colony. If 1000 go out and only one hundred return, how long until this daily decimation would vanish a colony?

I have long been almost certain that as man often suffers from malaria, exposure and unfavorable conditions, so do bees suffer on exposure in that which answers to throat and lung diseases in man, as they inhale not only during 160 days the miasma of their own millions, but also the polluted, foul, and sometimes pestiferous vapors evolved in cellars. I often wonder that any of them ever come out alive.

The symptoms that a bee is ill are so delicate and untraceable that the principal one we notice is when he dies he is dead, and the expert soon loses himself in the infinity of gradation.

Flies have unseen flies to bite em—And so ad infinitum—

Some lost bees in the cool 38° cellar, some lost as many in the 48° cellar; then, seeing this, we turn to discover other causes than temperature alone.

I note here that it no longer admits a doubt that the tainted air of cellars sometimes develops germs of diphtheria and typhoid fever, and this taint will ascend to every room in a third story; therefore, the cellar entrance ought to be from the woodhouse or outside; also air-tight ventilators ought to pass through and above the roof. The day must soon come when this will be strictly observed.

I will very briefly notice some of the causes that may have contributed to this season's losses, in limited localities. Many of our apiaries were originally composed of colonies collected at random, the seller turning off (often unrighteously) the most objectionable ones on the unskillful buyer—the interior black, drone comb, coloured, sometimes moth eaten, worse than all, stale bee bread. Three years ago W. D. Livingston of Frankville began replacing old comb with whole sheets of foundation, wired in. For some cause, he soon abandoned it. I have ever strongly advocated this, as it is the only way we can get rid of drone cells. If we cut drone comb out, they will often replace with drone cells. If we cut it in a slack flow, there may be honey in it that is needed. With only one piece of drone comb, 4 inches square, in a hive, it will go in to winter with double the number of young bees, and so stand the severity of the spring nearly twice as well. Drone comb is a source of heavy loss.

I have warned those interested that I had seen basswood boughs bending with their delicate tinted flowers, but their nectaries refused to flow. I have seen White and Alsike clover in full bloom, and not the sound of a bee. I have seen fields of buckwheat, white as snow, but no bees, no honey. I have a system of feeding and feeders that, it used timely, is a remedy. Last fall, buckwheat (fine fields in some localities) was a dead failure, so far as honey was concerned. Bees gathered honey dew in its place, with the usual result. Many hoped on until it was too late for storage feeding with good results. I have the appliances used for this work—wiring in whole sheets of foundation. I think it of great value. Some do not. Starved or unprotected brood sometimes develop bacilli that may result in black brood, finally. The former may disappear with the first warm weather and honey flow, the latter may linger in a bee

yard four or five years, and requires treatment.

Briefly—last winter cellars at certain times were much warmer than usual. In such, as spring approached, bees became restless and therefore warmer. As the bees could do nothing else, they began brood rearing, rapidly exhausting limited supplies. When we set them out, the brood was expanded. In a succession of cold days and nights, the bees were driven to the centre of the hive, leaving the brood uncovered and unfed. Brood may putrify, entailing serious consequences. A very favorable May would have, with a little feeding, carried these colonies through alright. You will notice, starved and chilled brood may be found in a hive well stored with honey. I may here say that from the time the egg is deposited it receives many feeds in twenty-four hours of pollen and honey which is half-digested in the second stomach and from which it is discharged in the embryo by absorption, not by mouth. This costly work goes on five or six days. Any interruption to this process is fatal to the brood or ends up with diseased or inferior bees. From the deposit of the egg until the bee emerges is about 21 days.

Diarrhoea, sometimes caused by being too warm for a time, over-eating and then working, holding the refuse in the system. Fresh, sweet maple leaves under bees offer the best privilege I know of in the case. They revel in them and love them in the cellar. Another cause, chills followed with condensed moisture acidifying unsealed honey. Still another cause, late honey dew, late blooming deleterious plants, juice of decaying fruit. Many colonies are sometimes made weak from the above, and we never notice the cause. The Aphides is the chief source of honey dew. It is an almost imperceptible dull white insect—may be seen adhering en masse to the underside of beech limbs and other leaves and twigs about the last of September.

The extractor has been the death of thousands of colonies—it has returned hundreds of dollars to the owner—but let us avoid forcing bees to collect inferior supplies. Feed plentifully and properly, beginning on the first of September. You will find that a remedy for most of the above, and it will give you profitable hives for next season.

One of the friends I visited over the river last Sept. had an apiary of 250 colonies, and 150 of these stored enough for winter and spring. To 100 he fed 4000 lbs., or 40 lbs. per colony. Did it pay? His New York check on Ogdensburg, clear of cost in the apiary, is always from \$800 to \$1200. If we sow sparingly, we must reap sparingly. Keeping fewer colonies and better works the same principle as does keeping fewer cows and better. Feeding fills the hive not only with wholesome food but also with young bees. You retort, "But several of my heaviest hives have no bees in." Indeed! One reason they are heavy now is they had but few bees in last fall to eat that honey. You enquired "How could a few bees gather so much honey?" There were plenty of old bees to gather that honey, which they did and then mostly died off before the colony was set in for winter. And so on. If you don't understand the queen business, it will pay you to place these combs in fall in populous hives that need them. I almost think that hives well stored with young bees (this implies a good queen) is a panacea for nearly all the diseases and troubles in this line, foul brood excepted. If we are willing to feed well, we can extract closely with safety. Will it pay? Well, it does pay. I think I have a good system of feeding.

Now, you see there are a number of causes that may have increased your loss, any one of which would account for it once in a while, but, above all, two very unfavorable seasons in succession. Don't blame yourself too much.

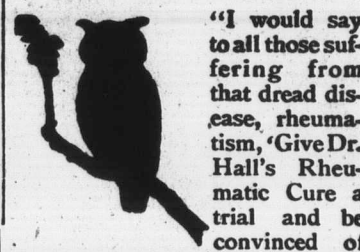
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