

completely covered it; in a little time they began to enter the hive, and poured into it in such numbers that it soon became completely filled. A loud humming noise was heard, and the work of destruction immediately ensued; the winged combatants sallied forth from the hive, until it became entirely empty; and a furious battle commenced in 'upper air,' between the besiegers and the besieged. A spectator informs us that these intrepid little warriors were so numerous that they literally darkened the sky overhead like a cloud; meanwhile the destructive battle raged with fury on both sides, and the ground beneath was covered with the wounded and the slain; hundreds of them were lying dead, or crawling about, disabled from reascending to the scene of action. To one party, however, the palm of victory was the last awarded; and they settled upon the branch of an adjoining apple-tree, from which they were safely placed in an empty hive, which had been the object of their valiant contention, and where they now continue peacefully and industriously employed in adding to the stores of their commonwealth.—*Carlisle Paper.*

## SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

CANUCK.—I have some honey in sections that is thin and watery, the capping looks wet, it has a buckwheat and peppermint taste. I don't want to commit suicide by giving it to the bees for their winter food and if I would put it on the market I would hurt my name. Can you advise me what to do with it?

Would put in a room with temperature 85° to 100° so the moisture will evaporate. It may take a week or ten days but it will ripen or improve. Put it on the market labelled exactly what it is, and ask no more than its true value. Reliable dealers can sell it as a low priced comb honey. Mint honey is popular in many places though stronger than our honey with similar flavor. If rich and thick it would do for winter stores but not otherwise.

Does the extractor work well in taking thick golden rod and basswood honey from sections.  
East Sherbrooke, Que.

It can be done by having the sections very warm; keeping them in a room at 100° until the honey becomes thin. Sometimes it is necessary to warm the combs again and extract a second time.

A novice anxious to increase is very often led to try winter colonies too weak for profit. We have frequently wintered in the cellar hives containing only four brood combs, but they are quite often lost during the early spring, and it usually takes all summer for them to build up to profitable stocks, while two such put into one hive with the best queen would at once be made about certain to winter and be profitable the next season.

It is usually best to move two stocks close together by moving a little at a time each day until they are in the right position to be united. When this is not practicable cage the best queen on one of the combs with a queen introducing cage and carry the combs and bees from one hive and put them in the other, smoking them thoroughly if they are inclined to fight. Usually there is no such disposition shown. A few of the old bees will return to the abandoned stand but they are not of much consequence. The queen may be liberated the next day.

### Business Notices.

12 CENTS PER POUND FOR EXTRACTED.

For No. 1 extracted honey, put up and shipped us in 60 pound tins—we will pay 12c. per lb, delivered at Bexton, payment to be made in any kind of supplies wanted at prices marked in our catalogue. This is the most we have offered for honey in a wholesale way for years.

DISCOUNTS FOR GOODS WANTED FOR NEXT SEASON.

We will allow a discount off the prices of all goods as found in our catalogue, when it is stated that they are for next season's use, to the extent of 10 per cent. This, of course will not apply to tins, labels and such goods as may yet be used this season. We have a large stock of most everything on hand, and we can ship with promptness all orders. The object in giving this discount is to encourage winter trade, and it will last only during our pleasure.

6) POUND TINS AND STRONG HANDLES.

We find that our tinsmith, without our knowledge has been making the handles of these tins too light, much too slender for the weight which each one has to carry. One or two complaints reached us during the Fair at Toronto, and we have at once removed the defect. The handle as it has been put on, will lift all right if it is not wrenched or jerked, but it will not stand rough handling. We shall not likely have any more complaints from this date.

Send five cents for samples of our lithographed and other honey labels. It pays to have your packages bear your name and address. Honey tastily labelled finds ready sale.

TO THE DEAF.—A person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 28 years standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it gratis to any Person who applies to NICHOLSON, 30 St. John St., Montreal.