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EDITORIAL.

correspondent asks us, after reading what was said on page 282, last issue, whether Inspector Mc-Evoy, "practises what he preaches" with respect to the dismection of hives which have contained colonies afflicted with foul brood; and if not, how he can act under a law which orders that "all hives, etc., shall be disinfected." would certainly be satisfactory to know what Mr. McEvoy does do, in the face of his expressed opinion that the continued use of such hives is harmless, and we hope he will tell us all through the Journal. We have no fault to find with Mr. McEvoy's treatment so far as it soes, but we do say that he does not go far enough. We had never thought of this matter of disinfection until our attention was thus called to it.

Mr. T. Bonner Chambers has illustrated in the last issue of the Record a new joint for hive making—or rather what he considers as a new thing. It however, exactly the same style of the corner as we have used in our section water for years. We have always

tound it to work admirably in there but we have grave doubts as to its being of any practical value for hive corners.

The attempts which have been made in England, says the British Bee Journal, to establish companies having for their object the buying and selling of honey have been singularly disappointing in results, and have all ended in more or less failure. It does seem unfortunate that in a venture with all the advantages of a directorate of business men, and an abundance of capital, but mainly from the want of a good steady and reliable supply of good British honey, it should be found necessary to wind up the concern after a few year's working. The B. B. J. is thus forced to admit reluctantly that honey companies will not pay-at least not yet. It deprecates any further attempts to infuse vitality into ventures of this kind. If the main cause of the suspension of these companies was a lack of good British honey, why was that want not supplied by the purchase of Canadian honey, surely our English friends are not too selfishly constituted as to fail in their endeavors rather than take honev The crop has not, from us foreigners? of course, been so abundant in Canada that we have had to look for a market. else we should probably have shipped over our surplus any way, but if our English friends had asked it, we could doubtless have accommedated them with what they needed.

GENERAL.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A Good Word For Carniolans.

S we have a wet day and not much to be done outside, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along with the bees. The colony arrived here on the 20th day of June 1889 in g od condition, and on the third of July it cast its first swarm, and on the 16th the second came. and on the 18th the third, and on the third day of August the fourth came away. As I wanted to increase. I hived them all and run the risk, as I was a new beginner, I attended them the est way I knew how, well, about the last of September I opened them and found all the queens, and saw that they were in good condition for the winter, having their eight frames well filled, so I took the surplus off the top and extracted 64 pounds of honey. I think I sucseeded not so bad for a greenhorn. I then went to work and made five outside shells, allowing about five inches for packing around the hive. I tried three kinds of packing, wheat chaff, dry sawdust, and small shavings, and left them on their stand, and they all came out in spring in good condition. I had A. Hills device and eushion with super over them. We had a cold winter and a wet and cold spring. I may say bees did no more than keep themselves all summer. I increased to twelve and got no surplus until after the first of Septmber. I examined them yesterday and took about 100 or 150 lbs. of surplus. I believe we will average about 25 lbs., spring count, and be in good condition for winter. You told me the queen was an Italian ma'ed with a Carniolan drone. I believe them to be a good race of bees, prolific, and good hency gatherers, and very gentle to handle. I have often handled them without smoke, veil or glover, without getting a sting, but the colony that C. W. Dickson got from you in the fall of '89 (we work together with them) I would not care to go and open them without veil and gloves. They were a cross of the Syrian, and were cross sure enough. I could not compare them to anything only the specie of the tiger. When they swarmed and got clustered, before you got within ten yards of them they would dart at you so thick that it would be almost impossible to see out through the veil. You could hardly tell whether swarm was on the tree or on your head. So about the last of August we took away the queens, and sent for three Carnolian queens from Pract, of Massechusettes, and introduced them all right, and

they are doing well, notwithstanding Brothe Shucks opinion of the Carniolans. I took nucleus we got from Pratt into my yerd. got it about the last of May and it was very well and cold all of June, so they did very little June. They built up in July, and cast two fire swarms in August, and filled three hive. Now they are in fine condition for winter, with eight frames of honey in each. They are very gentle to handle. When I open them I find the n stick to their combs; they are easily brushed off, and are good workers, out early, and at work late I had a colony that took that nameless disease if They would come hopping out the hive and could not fly and seemed abdomen seemed swelled. They silf to dwindle down very fast. I used Water and water, 2 oz. to one pint of but it did not seem to stop it very much then decided to kill or cure, so I went to work and put on four hands full of salt into about gallon of water and put it into a watering can with a fine spray and opened it up and put contents of all on top of the frames until was running out of the entrance I done the twice and now they are all righ; and in good About the first condition, and strong. August another strong one took the disease and were dying by the hundreds. The Carnioland were swarming, so I took Doolittle's plan took frame with a queen cell and put an excluder of the top of the hive. She came out all right. put an entrance on the opposite side to main one and moved them up the country got her fertilized all right, there being plenty of drones in the original hive. The new queen was a fine one, so I pinched the head off the sickly queen, and put this one in her place. They have a fine lot of brood now. D. W. CULTON.

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Sugar Feeding

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there has been to much reported alrestor the good of beckeepers. If a farm or merchant makes a good profit on anything, does not publish it, but quietly pockets

coeeds; on the other hand, if he meets with a through his own stupidity or mismanagement he keeps it to himself.

Advertising bee-feeders and advocating and wing methods of feeding sugar syrup for winter the has done more to injure beekeeping than has ever done good to those that practiced Twenty years ago I could sell honey, pollen, brood and all, out of the old box bives, after the had been sulphured, readily for a shilling Pound. Now it is difficult to get that for the honey, simply because the big producers of big yields, and the small producers mumble and get jealous of them, and attribute beir success to the free use of the sugar barrel, hearly every bee book teaching the advantage of ting sugar, and the proper way to do it. Is it any wonder that the public think that we the comb and fill it with sugar syrup? I four prizes out of five at our fair last fall, as I was handling the honey a rich farmer was manufactured up to me and asked the price, I told him I give him a good article at 10 cents. He belied that he used to like honey well, but of years since people had got to making honey did not eat much of it. And there are not eat much of ... to teach them otherwise so long as they can to bee books and papers to back them up. l daed to throw my bee papers around so that one coming in could see them, but I found Out that several of my neighbors were noticing the sugar feeding articles and quit buying honey tom me. Some remarked that it was easy to set a lot of honey by feeding syrup, and it is worse than useless to try to convince the man otherwise. There are plenty of better subjects to write on, for the public eye. I could stretch this out ten yards long, but I have said enough for you to see the point. JESSE J. LAWRENCE.

Thamesville, Ont.

We didn't get a report, which was what we asked for, but we got an article a good deal longer than reports gener are, and it contains some thoughts Worthy of attention. We have seen protests just as vigorous as awrence's before, and are just as willing to give space to such expostulations, as we were to the sugar feeding articles. Will our friend tell us what he would do in case he had to feed and had no honey to do do it with? Perhaps his bees die like Mr. J. B. Jones proto do. By the way, we had conplated asking friend Jones whether he intended to carry out in practice what had promulgated in theory? We only

saw him for a moment at Toronto during the exhibition, and had no chance to chat with him. But to get back to the subject. If there is no honey to be had-or if the beekeeper who wants to teed has none, or is unable to pay the figure for it, when sugar can be obtained for two-thirds the price.—What are you going to do about it? Perhaps there has been too much said about it, but it certainly has been a necessary evil to some extent. For ourselves we have never had any difficulty in persuading people to give up their beliefs respecting sugar syrup honey after a little chat on the subject. As a last resort we have offered to give them a dollar per pound tor every pound of such honey they could ever find as coming from our hands. And people know that a respectable person or firm will not make such an offer if they are not sure of what they are saying. We will tell you what causes a great deal more trouble than all these articles about sugar feeding which you find fault with, and that is the pernicious habit so many beekeepers have ot selling or exhibiting their extracted honey in a "half andhalf'' state. There is nothing in our opinion that will raise distrust in the mind of a customer so quickly as to offer him a jar or tin of honey half granulated and half liquid. It looks bad, and to our notion tastes worse. It has a sort of sugary taste, that to the amateur in honey eating, gives the thing right We have found that more people away. ground their charges of adulteration upon this fact than upon all others combined. Merchants who offer honey to the public would do well to keep their supply in the back ground while it is in a state of semi-granulation. If they would keep a certain portion of their stock always in a liquid state it would also be a great help. Another thing which causes trouble is, that beekeepers are careless when they sell honey in not explaining to the merchant about the system of granulation through which all extracted honey passes, so that he may in turn give the necessary information to his customers. And all this would be saved if apiarists would only use labels on their cans and jars. Thousands of pounds of honey are sold annually, and never a word is said about any change being likely to take place in the texture of the honey if allowed to stand. Labels are so cheap now that there is no earthly reason why every package of honey that the beekeeper sends out should not have one attacked—and every label should have full instructions with reference to granulation.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Uniting Bees.

N the Beekeepers' Review of Sept. 10th, appears an article by friend Hasty, much of which, in my opinion, is well worth reading, but the latter part of it is not in sympathy

but the latter part of it is not in sympathy with my views. Friend Hasty is evidently a great believer in uniting. Now, for the life of me I cannot see what we shall gain by such uniting. I am firmly convinced that I can winter a well populated five-frame Langstroth colony as easily as I can an eight frame one, providing the age of the bees is the same, and I sometimes think that a five frame colony of young and vigorous bees will winter better than a full eight frame one which has to be crowded up very much to get them into the hive. If this be the case why go to the trouble of uniting? What an increase of robbing, and what useless work? Why that danger to the queen? Let us not hesitate to destroy the bees we have no use for. It may be the more merciful way after all and the more profitable. If we could only induce beekepers (and more particularly the inexperienced) to quit that over manipulation of the hives, much would be gained.

I agree with Mr. Hasty when he advocates feeding only with combs of honey. For five years I have only so fed. This fall it will be a close shave but I will just manage; even should I require to feed a little sugar cake in the spring, I shall prefer it to this messing with honey, sugar, etc., in the fall. In closing, let me say, that the honey flow in this section since September 1st has been no more than sufficient for present requirements.

R. F. HOLTERMANN. Rouney, Ont., Oct. 6, 1890.

The article on wintering by Mr. Hasty, is reprodued in it's important parts, in our "Cappings" Department.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL,
Selling Cut Up Sections.

COMMENCED the season of 1889 with 21 Colonies, increased to 27, took 1,600 lbs. extracted, and 300 pounds comb honey—1,900 lbs. in all. Sold most of the extracted during the winter at 124 cents. I took most of my

Show, and sold it on the ground, cutting it up into pieces (four to each section) selling them at five cents per piece, each section weighed three quarters of a pound. They sold like hot cakes.

CARNIOLAN BEES.

I see a great deal has been said both for, and against the Carniolans. Some beekeepers claim that they are very cross, and are not good honey gatherers. I received an untested Carniolan queen from John Andrews of New York, and she proved to be a good one. The bees are gentle and are good honey gatherers. I raised two daughters from her last year, and I have now three colonies of Carniolans. Of course the two I now have are mated with Italian drones, but the queens are splendid layers.

HONEY BOARDS.

I think that honey boards are indispensible in the apiary, and I shall not in future try to get along without them. I prefer the breakjoint wood and zinc board, I confine the queen in the brood chamber and I never extract from it. The honey is also of a better quality when taken from combs in which there is no brood. I have found that the honey in the class proximity of the brood nest is often quite thin.

PLANTING BASSWOOD.

Last season I planted 31 basswood trees, and I will probably plant 60 or more next season. It won't be many years before all the old trees are gone from this section.

HENRY PARKER,

Morpeth, Ont.

Recent Patents.

PATENT has just been issued to Mr. Nelson C. Petrie, Cherry Valley, Ohio, for a Bee-Swarmer, (No. 437,451). The claims made are as follows:

1. The combination of a box having perforated sides, and having at its top the cover formed with the series of openings adapted to permit of the passage through them of the workers, but prevent the passage of the drong and queen, the horizontally disposed conical tubes removably fitted within the box, having their apexes pointed in the same direction, and perforated guideways having each an open side and leading from the ends of the box to the mouths of the hive.

2. The combination of a box having opening in its ends. A perforated trap door in its top, and provided with perforated sides, the pforator guide ways leading from the end opings to the mouth of the hives, conical removably fitted in the box, and tically-swinging partition within the

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Learning the Business.

E agree with Mr. Scott on page 1002-3, where he advises those intending to engage in bee-keeping for profit to spend season at least, with some successful apiarist. A great many persons though, expect a young man to spend a season in their employ in order to learn the business, but he is to receive no wages for his labor unless he wishes to work exha hours. This I would not advise any person do if they are in close proximity to a successtal bee-keeper. A few colonies could be purchased, and he could then no doubt make arrangements with his friend to take them on thares, but he should be sure to take the op-Portunity of visiting him as often as possible during the busy season and while there to ask the questions that are thought necessary. In the meantime, he could be studying some of the best books on apiaculture, as well as careperusing some of the leading journals. an acquainted with three young men, two of them spent a season as students, the other followed the plan that I have above stated. tesult is that one of the two is about out of the business, while the other is making a success of But I cannot see that he is any more enlightened or is succeeding any better than the One who spent the season at home.

J. B. KITCHEN,

Weidmann, Out.

Honey in France.

FRIEND of ours, who, by the way spent a year here at Beeton with us, but is now located in Bordeaux, France, writes us on the subject of opening a market for our surplus honey that country. This young man has travelled extensively in various parts of the world, and is possessed of sufficient knowledge of the subject to speak intelligently and with confidence. He was in London at the time of the Colonial and Indian exhibition, and he knows Just how our Canadian honey took with the English people, (he comes from Sheffield, himself), and he can see the Possibilities we have over the English channel. In a good season, with lots of surplus—more than we could dispose of vantageously in our own country there would be no harm in trying the periment, but with the average yields of the past few years, more profit can be

home, for which there is a steady demand.

"I don't know if you were represented at the Paris Exposition of last year. If so you will know that honey is one of those few and far-betweer, imports admitted exempt from duty into This fact has often struck me as France. strange, seeing that sugar is beavily charged and consequently retails at 6c. per lb. (the cheapest), even poor quality brown or West India sugar, such as in England costs 11c. per lb sells here for 6c.

When I say honey is exempt, I find I make a slight error; shipped from England it is exempt but shipped from Canada or America it falls under another tarriff scale, and is dutiable to the extent of 10 francs (8s. 4d.) or \$2 per 100 kilos, that is \$2 per 240 lbs. roughly, the kilo being 2 lb. 3 oz. 4,428 dr. avo. This figure therefore is almost nominal.

The inducements are not few, everyone knows what a "sweet-tooth" the Frenchies have, the sweets eaten at New Year being tremendous, prices ranging from 1/3 to 5s and 6s. per lb. Honey from the south, with no aroma or flavor to be compared with most of your brands, is retailed in a half hearted way at 80 centimes (or 8d.) for a tiny glass and no name or label. little comb is sometimes to be seen in the fashonable foreign goods stores, of course at fashionable prices. Again, the pastry cook's art here is a fine art, such wonderful creations he turns out, all shapes and colors; "plum cake" the old homely English dainty isn't in it, or if it is, it is completely hidden in the sugary rinds or gewgaws that the cook artist thinks essential to bring customers, as these morsels you can imagine are pretty stiff things to pay for. Well, for all this sweet stuff, it seems to me that if honey could possibly be sold cheaper than sugar (wholesale) pastry cooks would be too glad to substitute it. Again, there is very little push and enterprise, any show of spirit and venture (as far as a superficial view goes) on the part of French retailers. For one thing it is quite a rarity to ticket their wares with the price. They prefer the customer to ask, and - they quote just what they think they can get. I do a little shopping myself and I rarely find anyone who seems to have heard of that good old motto "small profits quick returns." They are too grasping and short-sighted as a rule. Now if some one, up to business, were to open up on the English style—all above-board, one price for all and that the lowest, have his goods attractively got up and displayed, a judicious bill here and there informing the novelty obtained by disposing of the crop at loving public that "hitherto undreamed-of ad-

vantages were now within the reach of the poorest, etc., etc., I feel no doubt he would sell, and that quickly, no matter what the goods—(1 have seen a stock of patent (miserable) pens go in a few weeks, pushed by a man who rented a little shop in a main street, and exhibited clever feats of penmanship, with the pen and a glib tongue at same time. He had a crowd always round him). At first start in your case, you could do as in London, offer samples free, but the tempting little tins at a low price and with those gay colored labels would be sufficient here more than with English people, to sell themselves. Heretofore honey has been a perfect luxury. Even molasses has a tax on it whether from England or America, of 4 times that on honey, and it is consequently unknown as an article for table use by the poor.

Now it strikes me that in some of your heavy seasons it might be worth your while having a market out here which you could count on, if this less than a cent per lb. duty, shipping and selling expenses would permit you to offer it at a really popular price. To make the start I would say offer a commission on sale to one of the English grocery stores here, which are patronised by the English residents (200 to 300) and many of the French also. If it "took," appoint an agent to work it among the pastrymen whether for use in their art, or for sale in their fashionable stores where all kinds of dainties (except honey nicely got as a rule) are exposed. Or in the last place, join expenses and profits with a man who would open out a honey store on the principles I have above mentioned. in such store any French Canadian wares would also be sold that would form a special attraction and interest besides a possibly extra source of profit, "Suco vegetaux desseches nondenommes," I find in the tariff of duties, is exempt both as regards England and America. Well, the translation of this item is direct or evaporated vegetable juices or essences (sap) under which head surely maple sugar could be classed, and which is not mentioned otherwise in the tariff. delicious sweet would be an acquisition here.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Judging at Fairs.

S by the time this article is printed in THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL all judging will be over, and we have another year's thought before us should we be spared, permit me to make a few remarks upon judging. Until the last month I never had to perform the painful task of judging honey in an official capacity. That the position is honorable, if honorably performed, we all think, but that it is a painful

task, if we desire to do justice to all, those only who have acted in the capacity of judge alone

can tell. I believe to judge rightly we should commence at home and carefully study the wording of the list upon which we are to base our judge ment. If the wording is doubtful, as for in stance the "etc." in the London prize list and for which those getting out the list should be censured; also such wording as in the Chair ham Peninsular Fair, "for 20 lbs. of comb hone put up in old style," and for which those progressive apiarists, Messrs. W. A. Crysler and I say, if the A. Foster offer special prizes. wording is not perfectly distinct, then the judges should go to the Directors and ask them for an intepretation of the doubtful clauses. Next, judge should abide by the prize list. For instance, as it was in our case, there is no provision for withhold ing a prize from an article of not sufficient merit, it simply says 1st and 2nd prize for first and second best, and while some were in favor of witholding the prize, others maintained that the duty of the judges was to award prizes ao cording to the rules placed in their hands, namely the prize list. In the same way it is a departure from the sphere of a judge, when there are five prizes offered, and they creata e sixth and serenth prize, unless the sixth and seventh are equal The laws placed in their hands with the fifth. are to give a prize to the first five, and it is out of their power to revise the list after the competitors have paid their entrance fees upon a dif-I believe so far, upon ferent understanding. reflection, every one will agree with me, that the last one is one not generally accepted; s, that a judge after performing his duty may 80, and point out the reasons for certain decisions, and yet, why should he not, and how often may it not of benefit to the exhibitor, and to the judge too be as far as uncharitable reflections are concerned on the part of the exhibitor. I do not for a moment hold that the judge should enter into any argument with the exhibitor, no more than that judge on the bench should do so when he gives the prisoner his sentence, and at the same time Now, I trust no judge, and state his reasons. more, no exhibitor, will think I am driving individual cases in the above remarks. My desire is that if I am right not the case. others should benefit by correct lines upon which to act, and if the lines set forth are not right, I am open to conviction and hope to set right.

R. F. HOLTERMANN

Romney, Oct. 6. '90

Mr. Holtermann has probably in

tended to talk on the subject of judging on general lines, but what he says has brought to our mind the mode pursued by the judges at the Industrial where the sweepstakes prize (given in part by the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association), was cut up so that some six of the exhibitors participated in it. While we believe that the judges did just what they conscientiously conceived to be ight, yet we doubt the wisdom of splitting up prizes as they did it. Besides being a bad precedent, it looks to the casual observer as an evidence of weakhess on the part of the judges, or that they were desirous of pleasing every-On the merits of the decisons in question we are not prepared to judge, not having gone into a close examina ion of the exhibts, but from conversations with one or two of the exhibitors, We know they would have been better satisfied to have had even a lesser prize, and had the undivided honor. again say that in what we have written, there has not been the remotest desire on our part to impugn the motives of the three gentlemen who acted in the capacity of judges, to the very general satisfaction of all concerned.

We are satisfied that there are many instances where the judges do not study the prize lists before entering upon their duties, as stated by Mr. H., and such carllessness is the cause of very much dissatisfaction. We have had instances of such admissions on the part of judges:

It should not be so.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A Young Aplary.

© ERHAPS some of the Western bee men would like to hear from a young fellow down East; perhaps not. I am going write at any rate whether you like it or not. Some six or seven years ago neighbor Smith tept the old black bees in very ancient looking hives. Frequently I would take a stroll over his apiary, and at leisure time would he own to watch his busy bees. You know I was always one of those curious fellers who, when be saw anything new, was never satisfied till he what was inside, so I would watch every nce when Smiths' back was turned to have peep inside. I often used to think, too, that he had some means of either sharpening their nails or giving them to understand that I

wasn't wanted around there as they would stick very fast to me at times, thus giving me an opportunity to stand on my ear or to roll in the patch of corn near by while a little distance off, Smiths' family might be seen laughing till one would imagine that they would never come into shape again. It was more than fun, too, boys to get the poodle dog alongside the hive and pursuade him that the entrance was a mouse-hole. I tell you he wouldn't sniffle there long before he would be going in a hundred different directions at once, and howling as if he had colic and a dozen other diseases combined. All this time I would be lying my full length on the ground (an easy position for a good laugh), paralyzed as from an overdose of laughing gas. Notwithstanding all my trials I became attached to the bees, and resolved to try the business myself. My father kept a carpenter shop in connection with other farm outbuildings, and here at spare moments I built a hive from my own ideas, the shape and dimensions of which I will omit. I had no money to buy a colony, so when Smiths' swarmed I went out and begged a few from him which I considered would give me a good start in business, but lo! when I visited my hive the next morning it was empty, whether Smith stole them or not I cannot tell. I next concluded to visit the hay fields and gather some bumble bees as we called them to fill my hive, but found after laying in two or three lots that they began to quarrel and that I got my fingers bitten too often when trying to settle any dispute, so at last I let them go. Smith then offered me a swarm at a reasonable figure, to be paid by instalments, which I thought very fair, and was once more a happy "kid." I had great luck for three years when my colonies numbered seven, which I considered safe to winter on the summer stands, but the winter proved unfavorable, there being almost continuous rain, which swept every colony out of existence. When I gazed upon the heap of ruins in the spring my feelings can be better imagined than described: however, the hives were stored away and nothing more done in the business until last April, when I purchased two colonies from Jones Co., Ltd. They were a month later arriving than I expected, and I have had a very poor season right through. The clover yield has proved a failure, and early frosts have destroyed all hopes of a fall flow.

I obtained some good surplus honey for our exhibition, which captured prize money, and have now five colonies well supplied for winter.

F. GILL, P. O. Dept.

Charlottetown, Oct. 8.

CAPPINGS.

FROM A VARIETY OF COMBS.

Erroneous Ideas Concerning the cure of Foul Brood.

T a convention held in Michigan a discussion was held on Foul Brood and in the report which appears in the American Bec Journal we find the tollowing.

Secretary Smith gave a description of the disease and the effect of the different acid treatments recommended as palliative remedies, the McLain plan almost curing infected colonies. He concluded by recommending what is known as Jones' process, but given by Father Langstroth in his work on the "Honey Bee," as the cure recommend by a German spiarist. The success is described as follows:

"Drive out the bees into a clean hive, and shut them in a dark place without food for 24 or 48 hours. Prepare a clean hive properly fitted with comb (preferably clean frames with foundation) from healthy colonies. Transfer the bees into it, and confine them two days longer with pure honey."

There are one or two inaccuracies in the paragraphs which should corrected, else any who try to cure by the method here given will fail miserably. We have never recommended that bees should be fasted only 24 hours that we know of, at least any such statement from our pen has not been one of intention; nor can we find any such cure in the copy of Langstroth (1859) which we have by us. Fasting the bees from 25 hours to 48 hours simply means (with a possible excep tion) continuing the disease in the apiary, if not for the present time then There are condifor a future one. tions when starvation for 36 or 48 hours would accomplish the desired end, but the cases are exceptional. We have **known instances** where the honey sacs of the bees have been well filled, where after starvation of six or eight days honey has still been retained by some of the bees in the cluster, or been found in comb which they had built in the box or hive wherein they were placed for fanishment. It is a common occurrence to have colonies commence building comb in the fasting box; we have on occasions found as much as a square foot of comb in the heart of the cluster, and a good deal of honey in the

We have taken the honey so found and fed it to clean nuclei, which became diseased almost immediately, proving conclusively to our mind the mode of trans The condition mission of the disease. to which we alluded above, when a short period of fasting might be sufficient is consequent upon the care wnich is taken in the removal of the bees to the If the work of place of confinement. shaking the bees off into the combs done in the evening or in the cool of the morning, without disturbing them previously in any way-by smoke or other wise—so that they may not gorge them. selves with honey, therefore going into confinement with but little honey in their sacs, a shorter time will be requir ed to enable them to dispose of the honey they take with them, and the sooner will they be ready for the next It will be seen stage of the treatment. from this that without explanations the statements as made at this convention might be conducive of a good deal of harm.

UNITING BROOD INSTEAD OF BEES.

G. M. Doolittle explains the system of uniting bees which he prefers in the last Review as follows.

The latter part of August select as many colonies as you wish to winter, making this selection according to those having the queens, best combs, hives you wish them in, from and preference whatever, when you are go to the ones you do not care to keep and take all but a very little brood away from them dividing this brood among those selected for In doing his I take the bees along which adhere to the combs of brood, being sur I do not have the queen. If the queen is of no value to me she is killed, and the bees let to store fall honey if there is any, In ten day the queen cells on the little broad left are def troyed, and when the honey season is over the few old bees remaining are killed, when have the combs ready to store away, after the honey is fed to the bees, should they require In our hives selected for winter we have plenty of bees hatching for the next twenty-one day which bees are the ones to go over winter, with me prove of a better age to stand the winter than those hatched either earlier After practicing this way of uniting severil years, I must say that I like this unit ing in the brood form much better than in the bee form."

OUT APIARIES, HOW FAR APART.

cluster, and a good deal of honey in the Collection of the Subject for treatment in the Collection of the Collection of

and one of the principal features of the discussion will be "How far apart shalthey be located." Mr. Hutchinson says:

"We have been told repeatedly that, ordinarily, three miles mark the limit of a bee's foraging grounds, hence, if apiaries were placed six miles apart, there would be no encroachment. But it must be remembered the pasture ground of each apiary is circular in form, and that they might be moved towards each other to considerable extent without one enc roaching upon the other very much. two silver dollars side by. Lift the edge of one and slide it over the other. Notice how far it may be pushed over without covering a very large portion of the under dollar. Just so in establishing out apiaries; they may be nearer together than one would imagine. We believe that four m! les is plenty far enough apart. We cannot always secure the exact spot desired for an apiary, hence we should not hesitate to shorten the distance to three miles, and, unless the apiaries were large, we think the loss by so doing would not be material.

Providing that the out-apiaries are not going to be too large—say not over 100 colonies—and there is a fair amount of pasturage a distance of three miles from the home apiary will not interfere at all. For years we had two out-apiaries within less than that distance of our home yard—one two miles west, the other about three miles north—and we are quite satisfied that none of them encroached to any appreciable extent on the home field. We occupy neither of these at the present time—our lease for both having expired—and we notice no difference.

BRESWAX FOR MAKING SCREWS AND NAILS PENETRATE WOOD.

A correspondent in Gleanings asks the editor if he ever tried puting a little beeswax on a nail or screw that he wished to drive into hard wood. The editor mentions that the idea is kown to some extent, and instances a case of his own where the use of wax assisted very much.

"Some time ago we purchased a new and expensive machine for punching holes in our A B C books for wirting the paper covered ones. The machine could not be made to work. There was not power enough in the thing to push the awls through such a great quantity of stiff, hard paper. One of the girls, however, suggested that we first push the awls through a very thick sheet of beeswax, I do not know where she got the idea, but, presio! after they had been waxed they went through the whole book without any trouble at all.

MILLER'S METHOD OF INTRODUCTION.

Dr. C. C. Miller writes on this subject and gives a plan of introducing which will be accessible to any one. He also writes regarding baiting sections, which is also reprinted below:—

The plan of introducing queens by means of the Peet cage, letting the bees eat through the candy, thus liberating the queen, presents some advantages over any other method I have tried. It is especially advantageous in an out-apiary, Kill your old queen, put the new one caged in the hive, and if you don't look at her again for a week it doesn't matter. But the Peet cage doesn't work equally well in all hives, for the simple reason that there is not room for it. My hives have flat board covers, so there is not room between the top-bars and cover, and the only way to do is to put the cage between the combs, which spaces them so far apart as to make trouble.

I send you herewith a simple introducing cage that I have been using this season with a great deal of satisfaction. It is not a shipping cage, of use only for introducing, but it takes up so little room that, if left between the top bars or combs for a year, no great harm would be done. Generally, however, I push it into the entrance of the hive, under the bottom bars, and prefer this unless it is so cold that there is danger of chilling the queen. It is so simple that any one can make it.

Take a block 3 inches long, 1½ wide and \$\frac{3}{8}\$ thick; two blocks I inch by \(\frac{7}{16} \textbf{x} \frac{3}{8} \); two pieces of tin about an inch square; a piece of wire cloth 42x32; 2 pieces of fine wire about 9 inches long and four small wire nails 1 or 5 long. That is the bill of material. Lay down the two small blocks parallel 3.8 of an inch apart, one piece of tin under an one over them. Nail together and clinch. These two blocks, being 3-8 inch apart, make the hole to fill with good candy, through which the queen is liberated. A good way to make sure of having this cage all right is to lay between the two blocks, when nailing, a third block 3-8 square. Put this nailed piece at the end of the large block, and wrap the wire cloth around it, letting it come flush with the end of the small piece, and it will come within about half an inch of the end of the large piece. Wind one piece of wire within about a quarter of an inch of one end of the wire cloth, and fasten by twisting, and wind the other wire at the other end. Play the large block back an forth a few times, so it will work easily in the wire cloth. and trim off the least bit of the corners at the end of the block so it will enter easily. To provision it, let the large block be pushed clear in, fill the hole with candy, and tamp it dwn. When to be used, after putting in the queen. push the block in far enough to allow the queen a room about 1½ inches long. After the bees have had it for some time it will be so glued that the plug must be scraped off before using again. There is nothing brilliant about this cage, and nothing really original, but it has the merit of such simplicity as to be easily made by any one, and of being of such size and shape as to be used where others cannot be used.

BAIT SECTIONS FINISHED FIRST.

This year I had some 250 of last years unfinshed sections used as bait, one in a super; and after the general report that such sections were filled first and finished last, I was quite interested to notice how mine would come out. Invaribly these bait sections were commened first, just as reported. And almost as invariably these sections in the supers were the first ones to be finished. I think there were two or three of the 250 that were not first completed. Moreover, they are nice sections, but not quite so nice as the others. Now, why is it that the general agreement has been that these sections were last to be finished, and would better be thrown away? The only reason I can guess at is, that some honey, if only a little, that was granulated and dried, was left in the sections. When I first used bait sections I thought there must be some honey left in them and such sections, when finished, had a watery appearance especially after being taken off the hives for some time, when the honey was inclined to ooze through the cappings. I suspect the old honey, perhaps a little sour d, acted somewhat as yeast. At anyrate, I should not like to get along without bait sections; but they must have no honey in them, and must be cleaned out thoroughly by the bees.

WRITING AN ENGLISH PLAN.

From the *Record* we take the following written by S. J., St. Buenos' College:

1. In the case of frame hives having their combs running parallel to the entrance, I have acted as follows:-1. Contract one stock towards the back, to half or more its frames, by means of the divider, fronted for the present by a dummy board. This divider need be nothing more than a sheet of perforated zinc, bee-proof all round, and nailed to a strong thin lath the length of a top bar. The divider should be hung against the imprisoned bees, wood inwards, so that when the dummy is placed against it no space is left between up which bees can pass. 2. Until the bees have nearly all drawn in -- and keeping the hive cool will help to that end-let the divider and dummy be both kept up a little, so that the bees can pass in beneath. Where metal ends are used, the divider, wood inwards, may be hung on them. In the case of alternating distance-pins, I should extract one, if possible, for the present: or, if wooden shoulders, I should-well, I should manage somehow. 3. The bees having mostly gathered in, promptly but quietly let down the divider and remove the dummy, and now be very careful to secure the quilt against being pushed up by the bees, for they will try hard, especially next morning: drawing-pins are excellent for this purpose. 4. Place the hive on the stand of the other stock, and transfer to it from the latter and brood combs as a matter of course, and food combs by preference. viously, for ventilation's sake, the imprisoned bees should have a larger proportion of combs, number being about equal. 5. If there is to be a choice or not between the queens, one ought to be first found and caged over frames until the last mentioned step, when she may be removed, to be killed, sold, or used for a queenless

stock as required. If she cannot be found the two may be left to fight it out a l'outrance, without much hazard. 6. Keep the prisoners cooleven at night, but not cold. 7. Next day to uniting move the hive midway between the former positions, with another remove the day after if desirable. 8. Thirty-six hours, at least, after incarceration unite the two lots by quietly withdrawing the divider. This will be all the more easily accomplished if two quilts have been used, meeting or overlapping each other at the divider.

II. Where frames run at right angles to the doorway the process is identical, except that the divider and dummy are set down at once to the floor-board, and that part of the doorway left open to the bees is closed tight towards evening with a rag or the like, if the doors, as

is usual, are not made so as to do so.

III. Stocks driven from skeps or swarms are left on their stand until the frame hive is ready to receive them. If there is an insufficiency of drawn-out comb or full sheets of foundation at this season of the year, they should be suprlied with their own combs mounted in frames—at no time, however, an easy task as regards their future security. They must on no account be supered over a stock, except between combs where top ventilation can easily be afforded them, and even in this case care must be taken to have air-space beneath the whole divider. By neglect of these precautions I killed a small lot of driven-bees supered in a box.

WINTERING TWO COLONIES IN ONE HIVE.

The article referred to by Mr. Holtermann on page 292, this issue, is as tollows:

I am not entirely sure that my way is the best way, but it is one way. I never feed—or, say, hardly ever. It is not that I have made any solemn resolution never to do such a thing, but I do have a decided inclination to get rid of it whenever I can: and I pretty much always can. I think I never fed a colony to winter them as the fraternity understand the term "feeding." My freding is to set in combs of honey.

So the problem is to simmer things down in such a way that their scant supply, scattered through seven or ten combs-or twenty-less here and more there, sometimes less everywhere, will tide things over until flowers bloom again, without the unpleasant murdering of bees. The first natural principle we can catch hold of, to help us, is that, practically, honey is spent mostly in warming up their quarters, and that putting two colonies in the same quarters reduces the honey needed during the first half of the winter, by nearly one-half. After breed-ing gets well begun in February things are on little different footing; but there is still a gain in the "double house" tactics. I am not now talking of uniting-will talk of that by any bybut of putting two colonies with two queens in the same hive by means of an enamel cloth partition. The second natural principal we can tie to is that during the latter part of winter honey is spent largely in rearing brood: and that the advantage of winter brooding is rather problematical at best: and that they will raise much or little according as they have much or little honey in store. Don't let them have very much at any one time, and they will be saving. I quarrel with the teaching that a colony should be provided with twenty-five pounds of honey, or even twenty. I am well pleased with twelve pounds, and not troubled if it is only eight pounds, and sometimes I send them into the winter with as few as four pounds. Of course you understand there is more in the comb closet ready to be put in when their scanty supply is gone.

Now as to the mode of operating. You may suppose, if you pleas, that I have obtained somewhere in the apiary ten combs with at least a pound of honey in each, and that I have them in the carriers, sitting in the house in a warm place. I prepare an empty hive (as here inafter stated) and bring four colonies in their hives and set them convieniently near. next move it is sometimes best to wake the bees up thoroughly by smoking them. Sometimes it is well to smoke them quite awhile before the rest of the operation begins. Sometimes it is best not to smoke, except the few puffs usually given when taking out frames. The weather, given when taking out frames. and the mood the bees happen to be in, will determine this. Two of these colonies are to be united with each other and put on one side of the partition of the empty hive, and the other two in like manner on the other side. Into one of the apartments put two combs from the carrier, placing them on the outsides, with room for the other three between. Open two of the colonies and shake a frame from each directly into the apartment, between the combs. If the first frances are not well covered with bees use two from each. Next put in the three center frames and close the top. Shake the rest of the bees in front, running them in much like a swarm, only continually mix them by taking from each hive alternately. It is to defend their home that bees fight, but in the predicament that these little fellows find themselves, in a strange hive, all the combs with a foreign ecent, and themselves mixed with strange bees, they do not feel that they have anything to defend. While filling the first apartment a piece of board is temporarily fastened in front, dividing things into two front yards.

At the end of the operasion I have twenty-eight combs out of which to select ten for the next batch of colonies. The remaining eighteen are hung in the comb closet, to be swapped as they are needed in the spring, or during mild days in February. If the colonies are weak, as at the end of a bad season many may be, but in three colonies on each side. You don't know what a lot can be got in until you try. In this latter case there will be forty-two combs to choose from, and thirty-two to put in

the closet.

I have never yet had my combs so empty in I have never yet had my combs so empty in the fall that I could not by selecting the heaviest make this method work. I have a location in which (owing to large pollen resourcation in which (owing to large pollen resourcation) been supported by the support of the sup

If it will pay to buy twenty pounds of sugar per colony, why do so. If you know pretty well it will not pay, the above, plan avoids the destruction of bees, and keeps things in shape that one can quickly get back to the original number of colonies in the spring if he desires. One year I used a modification of this in which six or eight colonies were put in one hive without any partition. This of course sacrifices many more queens, and is less desirable on that account.

I do this work rather late in the season, and I have found so few bees to insist on their old location that their is no serious trouble on that account. It is well to leave the stand they were taken from without any hive there, else

bees might gather in on warm days. As to queens, I have a strong impression that the queen survives when all are shaken together, and that my selection is very apt to be incorrect. If you wish to destroy the superfluous ones yourself it is better to do that part of the work on a previous occasion. Let me state my theory as to why the best queen survives in It may not be correct. a contest. depends not on strength, nor on agility, nor on luck, but on which queen first becomes infuriated enough to sting. And this agair depends on the amount of real vitality and vim the lady happens to have in store. It looks reasonable that a poor declining queen should have comparatively less of that peculiar royal jealousy which distinguishes queens.

Bees packed in two chambered quarters soon seem to acquire a common scent, or at least to get used to each other to such an extent as to feel at home on either side of the partition. If the honey is unwholesome, and the bees dwindle, most of the survivors are apt to collect on one side, leaving on the other only the queen and a nucleus of bees. This is sometimes a disadvantage, but sometimes an advantage. In setting them apart in the spring you can let the weaker lot keep the homestead, and set the stronger lot in a new location. Bees enough will then return to do considerable towards evening an things.

ing ap things. Now as to preparation of the hive. elaborate bottom boards for winter, with sawdust bedding, small open chamber, vertical entrance, and various do-funnies which I do not think important enough to recommend. ordinary bottom boards, a simple partition, and two bits of wood to close the rabbets on each side where the partition comes up, will do, The partition is an outline of thin strips of wood holding two thicknesses of enamelled cloth. Bees on each side cuddle up against it and form what in reality is but one cluster, although each side has its separate queen. Thinly shaved wood, will, I presume, do well for partitions. Have the combs quite a little further apart than in summer providing you are going to have bees enough to fully occupy the room. If not, better leave only about the A space will hold more bees than usual space. most of us are apt to plan on. If the hive is a small one, and will not hold ten frames with a partition, I put in only four combs in each apartment. The very narrow eight frame hives I presume cannot well be used, so the brethern who have no other hives than these will not find my plan of any utilty to them.

Queries and Replies

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical been-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions are to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

Bees on Shares.

QUERY No. 281.—I wish to let my bees out on shares next year. What should I give my attendant when I find everything but foundation?—N. W. M.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODING. N. Y.—Just what you and he can agree upon.

R. McKnight, Owen Sound, Ont.—Whatever you and he agree upon. "Circumstances alter cases."

DR. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I've no experience in such matters, and I'm afraid one of you will wish you hadn't had any.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Ask D. A. Jones. I should say each should share and share alike.

J. F. Dunn, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—If your attendant is a competent apiarist give him the wages of a skilled mechanic and keep all the honey. Don't let your bees out on shares.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—Would not try to answer this question. Everything depends upon various minor affairs of which I have no knowledge.

- H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, ONT.—Why don't you say how many colonies you have, as that makes so much difference. If you have 100 colonies and furnish everthing, your attendant should have one-half of all honey.
- J. K. Darling, Almonte, Ont.—Well, I don't know. If the season was as bad as it has been with some of us this year, you would need to give him all he made and part of the original stock, if you wished him to make a living out of it.
- G. W. Demaree, Christianburg, Ky.—This is a difficult question to answer, not knowing the parties, the locality, apiarian fixtures, etc. I would not take all the risk of a bad season and handle your bees for less than one-half of the surplus honey. And then something would depend on what is embraced in the word "foundation." A great deal might depend upon how much foundation was necessary.
- J. E. POND NORTH ATTLEBORO', MASS.—This is one of those questions no one can determine unless more is known than is stated in the question. Circumstances, conditions and average results from year to year for a term of years should be given in order to make a problem that, I for one can understand. Knowing no more

than the question states, I can no more give an intelligent answer, than I could to the question, "How big is a piece of chalk?"

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, O.—Oh, dear! I don't know. About Nov. 1, 1891, tell us how many days work the attendant has given to the care of the bees, how much increase there has been and how much honey secured, and we will try and tell you. In this locality, with 100 colonies, the attendant should be furnished every thing(foundation and fun included), and have all the surplus, all the increase and the original stock, if the season should be like two of the last three years, and if he is a nice young fellow, and you have a nice young daughter that will make him a good wife, give her to him too.

A. PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—You will scarcely be able to find two bee-keepers who will agree as to what is right, fair, and equitable in the "shares" business with bees. Make your own bargain and let every point be distinctly under-stood, and then if each carries out his side of the contract and both are reasonable men there will be no trouble; otherwise there will. I took 50 colonies of bees "on shares" one time and kept them three years. My own terms were accept. ed by the owners without a word of discussion and we never had a word of difference or dispute. The terms were the following: I took the bees, managed and handled them, and gave the owners one-half the increase and one-half the honey. They supplied their own hives, foundation and empties for their honey-I did the same. I managed the bees to suit myself with out any dictation as to amount of increase, comb or extracted honey, or anything else. They ran their own risk of winter losses, spring dwindling, They delivered the bees to me in the tall and took them away in the fall when I gave them up. They were well satisfied and I was well satisfied with the results, with the exception that they wished me to keep the bees on longe, which I could not do as my hands and head were too full of my own work. Now, this basis of the "on shares" is before you, to follow or not follow as I thought it you may think it right or wrong. fair and equitable, or I should not have propos-They doubtless thought it so or they would not have accepted it.

THE EDITOR.—Without further particulars it would be difficult to answer your question. The best way in our opinion is to hire a man and pay him by the month. You will make more in the end—if you get the right sort of a man, and the season is an ordinary one.

The Spacing of Brood Frames.

QUERY No. 282.—What is the proper distance for spacing brood combs, (i.e.) how far apart should they be from centre to centre?—E. H. N.

- H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, ONT.—18 inches
- J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY, ONT.—I prefer if inches.

G. M. DooLittle, Borodino, N. Y .-- One and one-half inches.

DR. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL .- I don't know. Possibly 17.

- J. K. DARLING. ALMONTE, ONT. Spring 11 to 18 inches. Summer 11 to 13 inches.
- A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, O.—If I could have the combs hang perfectly true, I would have them it inches from centre to centre.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.-Exact spacing is all right in theory, but next to im-Posible in practice with naturally built combs.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY .- I space my combs not less than 18 nor more than 12 *part from centre to centre of the combs. haps if combs are to be worked in a fixed position, as is the case with close end frames, is is best for the brood nest. But I do not like fixed I want the frames in my surplus cases fully 12 inches apart, and for this reason, and for reasons, movable hanging frames are best.

E. Pond, North Attleboro', Mass-My rule is to space ten frames equally in a hive 134 inches wide. I use an "L. hive" 141 inches wide, with a dummy 1 inch thick, spacing equality. This, I believe, will give the best results during the honey gathering season. I use frames In winter I remove the inch wide top bars. dummy and one frame, and space the remaining nine equally.

A. PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.-From one and three-eights to one and one-half from the time they are first fixed up in the early spring after being set out till the for surplus is over and the in-athering The rest of the of winter stores commences. season and through the winter a half inch or so further apart. Either this or 12 inch the Whole year round. I practice both.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH -The best average distance to space combs from center to Center is 13 inches. There are times in summer When closer spacing might be slightly advantageous, but it would be equally damaging in winter and it never has been and probably never will be practical for beekeepers in general to change the spacing between the seasons.

THE EDITOR.—We prefer them not more than 11 or 13 in spring, but in fall and winter we prefer them from 11 to apart, so there will be plenty of room for the bees to put in honey and also cluster between combs. There is plenty of room for argument, and, no doubt difference of opinion on this subject. We shall have more to say on this matter later on.

For THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. Uncle John as a Moralist.

- A-Stands for Amateur, the one who's expert. Whose writings are good and never does hurt.
- B-Stands for Brother, and we should see, That each to each other a brother should be.
- C-Stands for cussing, which never does good. It puts everybody in a bad mood.
- D-Stands for Don't, say what you don't know. But be careful and thoughtful, and learn to go slow.
- E-is for Extractor, and you and I know, That its foolish to say the extractor must go.
- -is for Friendship, and should always be true. A pretense of the same will not carry us through.
- -Is for Gates, which ain't bars, you can see, For though you shove bars you cannot shove
- H—Is for Heddon, the man that's abused, Whose inventions are cussed, but still they are used.
- -Is for Industry, and applies to the bee, I wish I could only apply it to me.
- Is for Journal, and it seems to-day That none seems to take like the C. B. I.
- K-Is for Kindness, and ever should be, A motto that's held where all can see.
- Is for Love, let us use it the same. And never be calling each other bad names.
- M-Is for Mischief, which some times we do. By telling of things we know not to be true.
- N-Is for Neatness, without it we can't. Keep bees and make honey, no not worth a
- O-Is for Onward in the bee-keeping race, Let no discouragement slacken our pace.
- Is for Poultry, which always eat bees,
 It's so, though deny it who ever may please.
- Q-Is is for Questions in the C. B. J. asked, And some seem so silly the j'd better been passed.
- R-Is for Reasonable room we should give. To beer, or they'll swarm as sure as you live.
- S-Is for Swarming, which we must control. Or honey'll be absent when calling the roll.
- T-Is for Touchy, which we should not be. For folks always bother such people you
- J-Is for United, then let us so be, For if we are divided we'll find ourselves in about the same shape the man found himself when he climbed the mullen stalk to get away from the bear.
 - Is for Victory, which we will gain, By sticking, and using our hand and our brains.
 - W-Is for Wilful, and by it I've lost, I've learned just the same, though fearful the cost.
 - X-Is for Xanthic, its color you see, Is that of the pollen brought in by the bee.
 - Is for Yearning to understand The truths of our Saviour, so noble and grand. Z-Is for Zinc, which excludes the queen,
 - It also excludes some honey I wean.
 - Is no letter, but used pretty well, In many mere ways than I've time here to tell. JOHN F. GATES. Ovid, Erie Co., Pa.

OUR OWN APARY.

ToTOW many are ready for winter? Has every body weighed up his bees and found out their con-This fall dition as to stores. been very unfavorable—at least with us—for the gathering of much surplus. Hives that were pretty well filled with stores six weeks or two months ago are now, many them, short entirely. have one hive in our home apiary that has now 17 lbs. less stores than it had the first of August, while a three frame nucleus in the same yard has lost even Quite a number more in proportion. of those hives which were marked plenty of stores" on the weighing will have to be fed a little now in order to put them in as good shape as we want them for winter. They would perhaps pull through all right, but then we don't wish to run chances. Lots of beekeepers are too sure about their bees having plenty of stores for winter. They weigh them up or heft them early in the season, and decide that they are all right, and then never think of them again in that regard. Suppose you do put in a few pounds more than they are going to consume, what loss is it going to be to you? It always comes good in the spring when the inmates of the hive require stimulation if they ever do, a colony with lots of stores will do double the amount of brooding that a half starved one will accomplish; again, the stores want to be compact (ie) not scattered all over the various combs, a little here and a little there. A serious mistake is made by many in looking into a colony in the spring and seeing a little bit of stores scattered here and there over the frames, they think that is all that is necessary. The bees seem to act in accordance with the circumstances which surround them in this regard, and they will not carry on brooding with as much energy when the environments are such as we have deseribed. Check brooding in the middle of brooding season or just before the honey 'flow, and you have reduced the profits by which that colony will yield you by just the extent to which brood earing is restrained.

AN EXPERIMENT WHICH MAY PROVE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE FRATURNITY TAKING COMBS AWAY DECRESING THE CONSUMHTION.

We have been experimenting a little. We took all the combs from a colony on morning with the bees quietly clus tered on them (using no smoke), and shook them off so quickly that they did not have time to fill themselves up with honey, we shook them off into there own hive and left them there without combs. We thought we would see how long they would live, as we wanted to dispose of them, the queen being objectionable. It is now three weeks since these bees were deprived of their stores, we allowed them the freedom of the entrance, and they flew in and out at their pleasure. seem nice and healthy and our examination shows them clustered in one cor-They give one the ner of the hive. idea of a swarm just clustered, but where their stores came from is a mystery. Now is it possible that we can prevent the large consumption of stores that goes on every fall between the stoppage or the honey flow, and the putting into winter quarters by taking away all the combs for a morth or six weeks, leaving the bees to cluster in the hive, as those are which we have described. In all the other hives in the apiary a steady consumption of stores has been going on all the while, and at the present time the colony that has been for leeks without a frame is just as lively and healthy as the great majority. They must get stores from some place or other, else signs of starvation would surely set in ere now, but there are scarcely any dead bees in the bottom of the hive. It is quite probabale when clustered in this manner, with their occuprtion gone, that they relapse into a sort of dormant state, thus consuming very little more (perhaps not as much) than they do in winter. In this instance they were without a queen. Would it make any difference if they had one? Would they be apt to swarm out and go into other hives, or off to the woods? Is it not worth experimenting further with. Peahaps we may here find the happy medium between G. B, Jones' complete annihilation plan and our present expensive

methods of bee keeping. Will all who had any experience tending in this direction arise and tell us what they know.

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BEETON, ONTARIO, OCTOBER 15, 1890

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Mr.G.W.Demaree, who has been connected with the "Query" department of The Canadian Bre JOURNAL ever since its inception, has been subjected to some terribly severe attacks of sciatica, so bad indeed, that small hopes were entertained of his recovery for a little time. He is now better.

The distance at which the International is held, together with the time it would take to go and come, will preclude our being present at the meetings to be held on the 29th, 30th and 31st of this month, but we hope to have a re-Port of the proceedings for the Canadian BEE JOURNAL, in due course. We trust the meeting Will be large, enthusiastic and successful, and We shall be glad to hear that the next meeting will be held in New York State, when we will all go.

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International American Bee Associa-

70 be held in the G. A. R. Hall, Estes House, Keokuk, Iowa, October, 29, 30, and 31, 1890.

FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.

9 A.M.—Call to order. Reception of new members. Payment of dues. Appointmet of committees for question box and other purposes.

10.-Address of Welcome, J. B. Craig, Mayor of Keokuk.

11 .- "Fifty years' progress in Apiculture," Thos. G. Newman. editor of American Bee Journal, Chicago.

Recess.

1.30 P. M - "Apicultural Journalism," W. Z. Hutchinson, editor of the Beekeepers Review, Flint, Mich.

Discussion.

3.—President's Address. Hou. R. L. Taylor. Lapeer, Michigan.

3.30.—"Honey pasturage of the U.S." A. I. Root. Editor of Gleanings in Bee Culture, Medina, Ohio.

Discussion.

Question Box.

7.—" Apiarian Exhibit at the coming Chicago International Fair. Dr. A. B. Mason, Auburndale. Ohio.

Discussion.

Question Box.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH.
8.30 A. M.—"What I don't know about beakeeping." C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill. C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill.

11.00.—Condensed reports of the Affiliated Asssociations in regard to crops and prospects. Question Box.

1.30 P. M.—" Is it best to use full sheets of foundation in brood and surplus combs?" Eugene Secor, Forest City, Iowa.

3 .- " Fixed Frames vs. Suspended Frames." Earnest R. Root, Medina, Ohio.

7.—"The conditions necessary to insure a honey crop." Professor A. J. Cook, Agricultural College, Michigan.

Question Box.

THIRD DAY-OCTOBER 31ST.

8.30 A. M.—Business of the Association. Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Election of officers.

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11.—"In an Apiary run for honey only, are Italians or Hybreds preferable?" C. F. Muth, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1.30 P. M.—Volunteer contributions, from

3.—"The International Bee Association. It's past and future." W. F. Clarke, Guelph, Ontario Canada.

The question box committee will receive uestions at any time and will appoint different members to answer those that are deemed of sufficient interest or importance.

As this is the first meeting of this International Bee Association west of the Mississippi, it is hoped that the Western beekeepers will make an effort to show what the west can do. A number of ladies are expected as usual. The essayists named in the programme will nearly all be present.

A special room on the same floor as the G. A. R. hall has been secured for the exhibit of bees and their products, or implements, and a special committee will report as to their merits. Articles for exhibition, if prepaid to Keokuk and addressed to the Secretary will be delivered in the proper place free of charge.

The Hotel Keokuk, one of the best hotels in the west, a \$3.00 house, will take members at \$2.00 per day. The McCarty Boarding, in Estes House, on same floor as the G. A. R. Hall, will board members at \$1 per day.

Reduced R. R. fares have been promised, but at the printing of this programme, nothing definite has yet been given.

Parties wishing to attend will be freely furnished all necessary information and reduced R. R. rates if same are to be had.

C. P. DADANT, Sec'y.

Hamilton, Ill.

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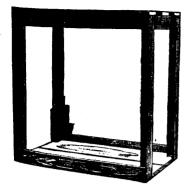
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