

## The Apiary.

### BUZZINGS.

BY JANE.

Reports from different localities are to the effect that bees are doing better than for years.

Our beekeepers will have to be up and doing. California is even now shipping honey into our state by the carload.

Applications of honey, remarks a medical quarterly, are said to quickly relieve the pain and check the attack of erysipelas of the face.

Extracted honey that has been stored in old combs is not usually of so fine a flavor and color as that stored in new combs.

The Webfoot Planter asks about the locust tree, in regard to its honey yielding qualities. With us it is first-class—the honey white and of fine flavor.

When to put on supers sometimes puzzles beginners. As a general rule, whenever bees multiply so that they are crowded in the hive or begin to hang out at the entrance.

The bee is an important factor in the fertilization of the fruit bloom, and this alone should induce every orchardist to keep a few colonies of bees. There is much to gain and nothing to lose.

"Yes, the bee sings - I confess it—  
Sweet as honey—heaven bless it—  
Yet she'd be a sweeter singer  
If she didn't have no stinger."

One way to make bees begin promptly in sections is to wait until you are sure the honey flow has begun, and then scratch with a wire all the sealed honey that intervenes between brood and section; then close the hive and smoke thoroughly.

Late-reared queens, says Herr Richer, are larger, from 2-25 to 1-9 of an inch longer, stronger built, more prolific, and begin to lay sooner in the spring than earlier ones; and produce colonies that are stronger, more diligent, and less apt to swarm.

Mrs. Harrison thinks that if you live near a large city and report a poor honey crop in your journals, shippers on the watch will pile a heavy shipment upon your market to pay you for your lack of wit.—(Gleanings, p. 820.)—A suggestion worth thinking over.

Utah is decidedly a progressive state. During her late beekeepers'

state convention a resolution was passed asking the co-operation of the beekeepers of the country in making a petition to the general government to pass a law against the adulteration of honey.—P. B. J.

Prof. A. J. Cook says in A. B. J. that Mrs. L. B. Baker of Michigan practiced the removing of queens at the beginning of harvest for some years, and her success was quite phenomenal. The advantage of this, it is claimed, is that it destroys the swarming impulse and throws all energy into honey production.

**HONEY CAKE.**—Two cups extracted honey, one cup butter, four eggs (mix well); one cup buttermilk (mix); one good quart flour, one level teaspoonful soda. If too thin, stir in a little more flour, as it will fall if too thin. Stir well. I have tried the above recipe and found it excellent. Add ginger, and it is delicious gingerbread.

### INTRODUCING QUEENS.

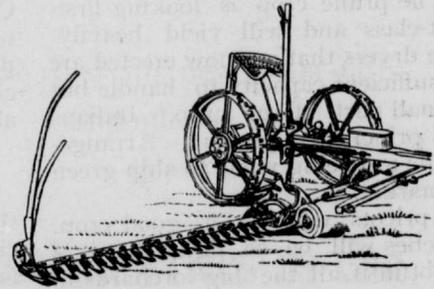
I have received several letters of late asking my method of introducing queens. As this is a matter of general interest, I will briefly state the method I have successfully used for years, that is, with hardly the loss of one per cent. On the morning of a clear day, when the bees are flying freely, I remove the old queen, placing the one I propose to newly introduce in the top of the hive, caged as ordinarily sent

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