

## APIARY.

### BUZZINGS.

BY MRS. CHAS. LEE.

It is said that an effective way to get rid of ants is to destroy as much of their nest as possible, then sprinkle well with finely crushed soot.

One man can attend to 300 stands of bees if he has everything convenient for their care, and everything ready when the swarming season is on, and the honey flow begins.

Honey cured hams.—Into a barrel two-thirds full of hams under brine, pour a gallon of the best extracted honey and after six weeks take them out and smoke. They are superb.—R. H. Rhodes in Gleanings.

A letter in the Webfoot Planter, by Dr. E. Y. Chase, telling some of his experiences in bee culture is both amusing and instructive. His experience is somewhat on the same lines as a great many amateurs have passed through, but not all have followed it up to success as he seems to have done.

Laying workers sometimes make just as nice smooth work as queens. Filling worker sells regularly with one egg in a cell, with no difference that I could detect. But I think it is generally, if not always, in cases where no drone cells are present. But generally a queen cell with two or more eggs in it will tell the story.—Straws, Gleanings.

It seems that some of the so-called beekeepers of California are making it a business this season of extracting their honey in an unripe condition, that is, before the cells have been capped. One man produced six tons without using his uncapping knife. Such honey has no body, looks and tastes watery, and is very apt to sour. Measures should be taken to keep such stuff off of the market.

No diseases among bees have ever appeared in Washington that I know of. Wintering out of doors perfectly safe, thus doing away with the winter question, which seems to be of much importance with the Eastern beekeepers. Feeding is never necessary if you do not extract too close in the fall. And a complete failure of honey has never been known. We surely ought soon to be recognized as a honey-producing state of some merit.

In regard to the article entitled, "Why Honey is Low," our editor asks me to tell something about the remedy. First, the author mentions two prime causes: No foreign market of note, and the immense amount of adulterated honey, that afford large profits, at a much less price than the genuine article can be produced for. Remedy: National legislation only can give relief. He advises no delay, but to take steps before another Congress shall be in session, to place the matter before them in proper shape.

### NOTES.

Alfred Austin, England's poet laureate, is a member of the Kent Beekeepers' Association—not an honorary member, but pays his subscription.

To the question, whether it is possible and desirable to increase the length of tongue in our bees, nearly all replies in American Bee Journal agree as to desirability, and a large majority believe it possible.

The Belgian Government has issued an order that all railway embankments shall be covered with honey plants.—Bienen-Vater. May be that will happen here, if Government runs the railroads.

Prof. Cook favors a return to the old plan of having a few bees on every farm, rather than large apiaries in the hands of specialists.—Rural Californian. Which may and may not be all right if every farmer would keep bees. But

if all the specialists were killed off, would it at all increase the number of farmers who keep bees?

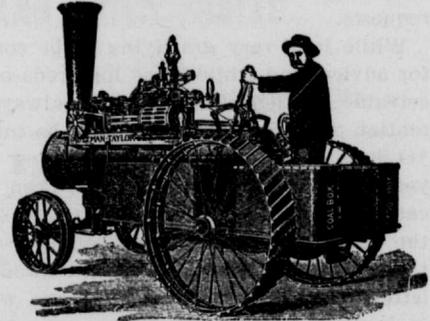
T. F. Green of Elberton, Wash., has harvested from his apiary 1,200 pounds of honey. He has found beekeeping so successful that he now employs all his time at the work.

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