

BUZZINGS.

By Mrs. Chas. Lee.

Large hives, and large entrances, capable of contraction, are large factors in the problem of how to prevent excessive swarming.

Young larvae having their heads wrong end to in the cells is a very unusual occurrence, but sometimes seen. As a remedy we change our queens as soon as possible.

Save up all the old burlap sacks, and this winter, when work is slack, prepare your next summer's smoker fuel by taking the sacks and rolling up lengthwise as tight as one can handily, then tie around the roll with twine about five inches apart and chop up the rolls between the strings with an axe. If made carefully the rolls will just fit the smoker.

It isn't easy to kill out sweet clover in fence corners and on roadsides. But then it isn't any easier to kill out other weeds in the same places, and where the ground is cultivated sweet clover is no more troublesome than other weeds.—Gleanings. Give sweet clover all the credit it deserves, for just at present the character of the plant is at low tide.

How to teach your stock to eat sweet clover.—Have your patch or field of sweet clover well fenced, and when the clover is about three feet high, very succulent and toothsome looking, just make a weak place in your fence and let the stock break through. If they should not eat it readily, just drive them out a few times, calling the dog to help in a mild way, and you will be surprised to see how determined those horses and cows will be to sample the food in that particular place.

A girl from town is staying with some country cousins who live at a farm. On the night of her arrival she finds, to her mortification, that she is ignorant of all sorts of things connected with farm life, which to her country cousins are matters of everyday knowledge. She fancies they seem amused at her ignorance. At breakfast the following morning she sees on the table a dish of fine honey, whereupon she thinks she has found an opportunity of retrieving her humiliating experience of the night before, and of showing her country cousins that she knows something of life, after all. So, looking at the dish of honey, she says, carelessly, "Ah, I see you keep a bee."

There is one unfailling and even recurring question among the farmers now in the big wheat district around Spokane. "Is your wheat threshed?" They are also asking: "Are you going to thresh before next spring?" The general plan seems to be to let it stand. Many are completely discouraged. They have been struggling along through several hard years and finally this year they were rewarded with an abundant harvest, so that after threshing and selling it, they could have paid their debts and come out ahead, but the rains came. Two weeks of almost continual rain and snow have damaged the grain very much, and perhaps ruined it. Well-stacked, bound grain will likely go through it fairly well; the headed grain, especially that poorly stacked, will not.

If the farmers were to blame for not having their grain safe they would not deserve so much sympathy, but almost without exception from the beginning of harvest to the present time they have not only rushed the harvest through, but also done their best to get a threshing machine, even in some cases trying to buy a new one. Last year the small amount of grain was threshed in a few weeks. This year the machines could not take care of it. Even though the grain raisers knew there was a big crop, yet it has been stringing out and yielding much more than any one expected.

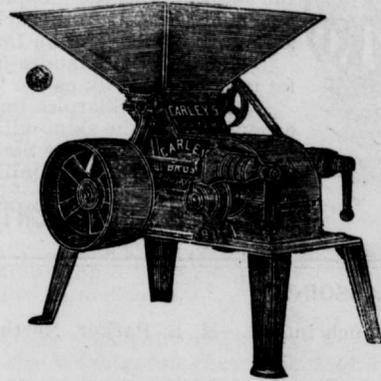
The opinion is universally prevalent among the ranchers that the price of wheat is bound to rise, and are therefore holding much of it. The bad weather has also hindered the hauling of wheat even by those who wanted to sell.

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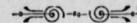
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