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The Honey Bee in Hot House Gardening

How a Thrifty German Gets Cucumbers Out of Season and Makes Money.

propagation.'

Up-to-date bees among the blossoms means an in- proposition. crease in quantity and quality of fruit. Mr. J. F. Becker, of Morganville, N

In some sections there has been ob- J., found that, if he could get a crop jection raised to bees by fruit-growers of cucumbers grown in hothouses so who declared that they were stinging as to get them to market before those the fruit.

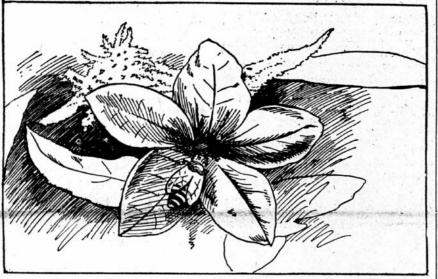
bees know full well that the bee has splendid price for them. After careno implement with which to open a ful thought he determined to try the sound specimen of fruit. The hornet experiment of placing a hive of bees and wasp, both of which have sharp in each hothouse to see if they would jaws with which to tear old bark from pollenize the vines. Hives with trees and kindred substances with strong colonies were brought, and which they build their nests, will fre- placed in each end of each house so quently bite a grape, a pear, or a that the bees could fly out into the peach; and because a honey-bee is house from one hive-entrance or out some fruit-growers have declared visited the hothouse during April, them enemies when the reverse is the when the blossoms covered the vines,

lows as they work from blossom to to flower. So thorough did the little blossom, to see that, in pollenizing bees do the work required, that, with fruit, they are the greatest of bene- few exceptions, healthy cucumbers factors. Take, for instance, an apple- formed at each female blossom. with their corresponding anthers. is imperfectly done.

"The one great mission of the wild in old trees, will fully accomhoney-bee is fructification; the honey plish the purpose. When it comes she may store is to interest us in her however, to raising early cucumbers in a hothouse, when the vines will horticultrists have be blossoming before the bees are known for years that the presence of aflight, one is confronted by a serious

grown out in the field should arrive, Those who have made a study of he would be able to command a seen sipping the juice that runs, of doors as they preferred. The writer and the noise of the bees could be dis-One has but to watch the busy fel- tinctly heard as they went from flower

We find in it the stamens | The crop that followed was enormous both as to size and quality, some While it is true that the winds will, in specimens being a foot long, and as a measure, carry the pollen from the much as three inches in diameter. Not anthers to the stamens, yet at best it only were the cucumbers fine in appearance, but especially luscious were The body of a honey-bee is covered they for eating. So thoroughly did with a heavy down that plays a very Mr. Becker succeed that he deter-



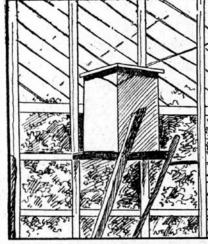
CAUGHT 1 N THE ACT. (Cucumber Blossom with a Bus y Bee Scattering Pollen Upon It.)

object being to secure the nectar seitself deep in the blossom it carries cumbers. on its downy body the fertilizing pollen, which is transmitted to the sta-

Jean Ingelow noted the little fellows coated with pollen, and wrote: Oh, velvet bee! you're a dusty fellow; You've powdered your legs with gold.

According to Gleanings in Bee Culture no state, perhaps, produces more apples and grapes than does New York, and perhaps in no other state growing vines that fairly fill the house is bee-keeping carried on so extensive- as, year after year, they produce sevly. The connection between the two, eral hundred barrels of cucumbers, therefore, is manifest.

I remember reading of a section of California where cherries were produced in enormous quantities, and incidentally bees were kept by some who were not engaged in the produc-



HIVE PLACED WITH ENTRANCE IN SIDE OF GREENHOUSE.

tion of fruit. For some reason a quarrel arose between the bee-keepers and the cherry-growers, who claimed the bees were stinging the fruit, with the result that the bees were shipped away. In a few months the cherry crop began to dwindle, and almost fail; and when the growers met together to consider the cause it was found that, with the sending away of the bees, the crop had begun

There happened to be one or two wise heads in the convention, who surmised the cause; and as an experiment the bees were brought back. with the result that the crop went back to its former proportions, thus showing the close relation between bees and fruit.

What is true of fruit-blossoms is also true of many others, chief of which is the cucumber. There are two distinct kinds of blossoms upon a cucumber vine—the male and female; and in order to get the fruit the above is an English product known as

in the vicinity kept in hives, or living and championships.

important part in this respect. Of | mined to go in on a larger scale, uncourse, the bee unconsciously does its til now he has eight hothouses about work of fertilizing blossoms, its prime 300 feet long by 50 feet deep, all steam-heated, with a force of about 15 creted in the corolla; but as it buries men to manage them, all growing cu-

Lettuce is raised in the houses from October to March, the cucumber-vines ing a cigar in a very long pipe. not being set out until about the middle of March. The vines are started in hotbeds in the houses, and when cases two or three feet in length, with buds just starting.

Heavy steel wire is stretched on poles, and forms a support for the and that at a time when the prices they command are big.

There is, however, a pathetic side to the case; and that is, the loss of the bees. After the little fellows fly about the house from blossom to blossom they fail in most cases to find their hives, and hundreds of them can be seen bobbing against the glass roof of the house, trying to get outside.

It doesn't take much of this to put them out of business, and so we find hundreds of dead bees on the floor which could not get to their homes. This being the case, Mr. Becker is compelled to buy new hives each year for his houses; but as this is merely a matter of a few dollars' output for a return of many hundreds of dollars, the item is looked upon as one of

necessary expense. Thus year after year this shrewd old German makes the bees help him produce early cucumbers which, without their help, would be impossible. It is, therefore, very evident that all who grow fruits and certain vegetables should be sure that there are bees enough in the neighborhood to insure the proper fertilization of the blos-

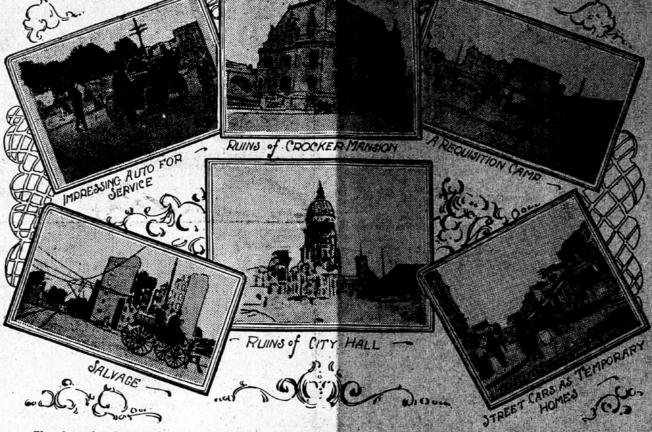
A Profit Making English Show Sow

The United States has no monopoly on swine growing. The sow pictured



A PROFIT MAKING ENGLISH SOW.

pollen must be carried from the male "middle white," and is owned by Sii Globe. While looking over the jewel-Gilbert Greenall. This animal was en ry she observed a fashionably-attired York without being ogled by a man." During the summer, when the cu- tered in many British fairs the pas During the summer, when the cutered in many British fairs the past cumbers are grown out of doors, been season, when she scored several first in the vicinity kent in hives or living the summer, when the cutered in many British fairs the past young man "making eyes" at her, at a few days afterward she happened ing up of the home it is very unas in a well of this depth. It is arched to visit the same store with a friend,



Showing the devastation caused by the recent calamity at San Francisco. For days following the fire many families made their homes in street cars, glad even of this temporary shelter.

NEW QUEEN OF SPAIN.

After Her Marriage to King Alfonso

She Will Find Herself Mistress of

Half a Dozen Magnificent

"Homes."

dozen magnificent castles and palaces

First of all there is the splendid

royal palace at Madrid, a great pile

similar to Versailles, built by Philip

V. It is a massive building some 500

feet square and its most striking fea-

ture is a magnificent marble staircase.

Some distance outside of the capital

is the ancient palace of Escurial, ir-

reverently known as the gridiron on

account of its curious shape. It has

rooms and corridors totaling 120 miles

in length. At Aranjeuz there is a

brighter and more pleasant dwelling

place, much more often visited by the

Spanish court, while near San Ilde-

fonso is the palace of La Granja.

Then King Alfonso has a delightful

shooting box at El Pardo and a beau-

tiful seaside home, the Miramar pal-

Among the rules which Princess

ace, at San Sebastian.

BEHANZIN, DEPOSED MONARCH OF DAHOMEY, REMOVED TO ALGERIA for man. Educated in the common schools and the Lyces of Martinique, he compared favorably with his black

Island of Martinique will no longer be anxious to see Hehhanzin and hobnob ies, and this in a country where the able to gratify their curiosity and pay their respects to a real live king of Africa, for Behanzin, the former king of Dahomey, has departed under the direction of the French government for Blidgh Algeria where he will refor Blidah, Algeria, where he will remain a prisoner, close to that other geria he will still be an involuntary Of Behanzin's three wives one is his royal captive, Ranavalo, queen of exile. People here will now be more favorite, of course, the youngest, his

King Behanzin has been interned at Fort de France since 1894 when he former President Simon Sam, of always seen holding an umbrella ove was captured by Gen. Dodds and the Hayti; Lafontant, former minister of her regal spouse. She shows her de Dahomey uprising quelled. The life of finance, and several deputies and gen-votion, also, by holding for him the old warrior here was a sad and erals, all of whom have been con-small glass dish like a finger bowl melancholy one notwithstanding the fact that his three wives two daughters and only son, Prince Wanilo.

were his constant companions, and were his constant companions, and the further fact that his movements e were not restricted. was free to move about the city and surrounding countryside, yet while the possibilities of escaping from the island were remote, some one, whose business it was to know, could always account for him. He was often seen driving out accompanied by his favorite wife and Prince Wanilo. Once each month he appeared at the governor's to receive the allowance made him by the French government. He always appeared in public attired in his kingly robes and invariably smok-

The government allowed him a house, too, where he and his family lived peacefully, sadly and always set out in the houses they are in most with with longing for his former do-



KING BEHAMZIN AND TWO OF HIS WIVES.

minions. He made many requests to Ena is likely to find somewhat irkbe returned to Dahomey, and his ex- some is one requiring that the queen iled condition moved many people to shall retire at ten o'clock in summer intercede for him. The local popu- and half-past eight in the winter. pleaded his cause, and for years polit-

ed to his transfer to Algeria. Anything served as an excuse to ask the king has arisen. to be sent back to his country.

Of the thousands of tourists who

OBJECTED TO "OGLING."

Young Woman Shopper Didn't

Know About the Store

Detectives.

A young woman, member of a well-

ping and stopped in a big department

the life at court so far as the queen of the halberdiers. became so embarrassed that she sud- and to her surprise she observed the denly decided not to buy the brooch, same young man. She nudged her

known New York family, went shop- making a single purchase. "It's downright shameful," she exstore to select a gold brooch, states the claimed that night at the dinner table, "when a girl can't even shop in New

American visitors to the charming came to Martinique many were more and white fellow students in his stud-

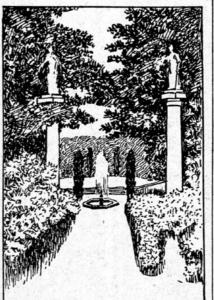
Behanzin's son, Prince Wanilo, is ar

but not to his own country. In Al- native tongue into beautiful French

interested in the voluntary exiles, of favoritism is indicated by her con whom there are a number, such as stant presence at his side, and she is

THAIC FINE OLOTICO is concerned is the extreme privacy. At one time even her re- manhole; and this is surrounded with ligious confessions had to be made in a brick wall a foot high and covered the presence of the king and, although with another flagstone, made air-tight this restriction has now been done with cement. This leaves a foot of away with, still the minutest detail confined air and excludes frost. This PRINCELY PALACES OF THE of the day's proceedings is mapped is covered with a foot of earth, and out in advance. It is said that the turfted, and the whole cistern covered

the course of the day. When in June the English princess, Ena of Battenberg, becomes the wife of King Alfonso and entitled to the title of queen of Spain, she will find



lation sympathized with him, officials Should the king wish to visit the tain buildings in the vicinity of the queen's apartments after dark he palace being under consideration, such ical journals of the colony have must wear slippers over his shoes, is the ministry of marine, the senate teemed with editorials bewailing his have a black mantle thrown over his or the palace of the council of state. sad position. Finally the minister for shoulders and a shield over his arm. The trousseau of Queen Maria Cristhe colonies compromised and consent- He must also carry a lantern and a tina was shown in the ministry of long sword and go unaccompanied. marine, but that building is not at Behanzin never liked any of the Two guards whose service begins at the moment in very good condition, features which other people find so 11 o'clock pass the night in the ante- and it would not be strange if ancharming in Martinique. When he chamber to the queen's room. The other building would be chosen. The was brought here after the end of that king himself has a nocturnal guard. senate adjoins the marine ministry memorable campaign in West Africa It consists of six gentlemen of the and its salons are very large. If the when his warriors cut up whole com- city of Espinosa. They wear a cu- cortes are closed the government will panies of the French soldiery he was rious uniform comprising a blue jer- decide in favor of the senate building, confined for a time in the old Fort St. kin, short braided trousers, silk stock- as it offers innumerable advantages Louis. It was thought he would be ings and a sort of a silver trimmed for such a show, not the least being more reconciled if given more liberty, opera hat. Each carries a fine Toledo the absence of steps to its approach. so he was allowed much freedom. sword. When the king retires to his According to the usage of the Span-During the volcanic disturbance of room these guards take charge of the ish court all the articles of the trous-Mount Pelee, in 1902, he was very rest- key and give it up to no one until the seau are exhibited down even to the less, and his discontent was marked next morning, when it is delivered to most intimate details of household during the recent seismic movements. the grand master of the palace after linen, the dresses on lay figures and the jewelry and other articles in glass Perhaps the most trying feature of cases, the whole being under the care

> but started off to look at the bargains friend. "There's the young scapein shirt waists. To her surprise she grace," she whispered. was followed by the young man, who seemed persistent in his flirtation, so her companion. "He wasn't flirting nel inside the cistern is well ce

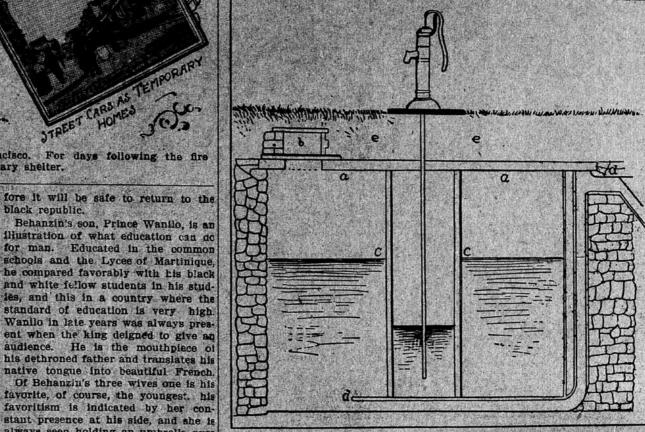
much so that she left the store without with you. He thought you were a mented. shoplifter. No wonder he followed you when you didn't buy anything."

> Poor King. When socialism aims at the break-

Two Good Types of Filtering Cisterns

The walls of clatern shown in our starting six feet below the surface. args illustration are of stone, laid in The cistern which receives the water

ydraulic cement. The bottom is four from the roof is seven feet deep, and nches thick, of concrete, made of is placed at the side of the deeper one, nine parts of gravel and sand to one of with a pipe-tile connecting them. hydraulic lime, just moistened, laid The filter is made of two walls of on in a mass and pounded hard. The brick on edge, enclosing two inches ower course of the flat stones of the of charcoal, the whole in a curve, with wall (the footing) projects four about ten square feet of surface. The nches into the cistern preventing any water passes freely through the brick. crack. The top is covered with two The washings of the roof and all timestone flags six inches thick, resting on the walls, with a manhole at waste pipe is required. The owner



ONE TYPE OF CISTERN WITH FILTER.

a, a, Flags for Cover; b, Man-hole; c, c, Vertical Shaft for Filtering; d. d, Overflow;

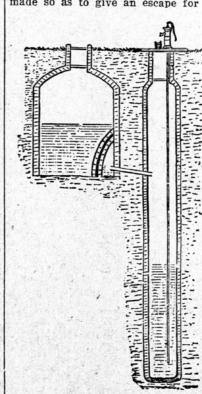
me corner, the whole so covered and employs a chain pump, which keeps fitted with cement that no insect or the water stirred, and plastered the ceurface water can enter, except through ment on the smooth face of the earth,

lack of cenmented at the edges covers the

queen mother seldom has more than with earth.

ten minutes at her disposal during The filter in this cistern is a vertical hollow cylinder, of brick, two feet In accordance with the custom of inside diameter, laid in hydraulic cethe Spanish court, the royal trousseau ment, and extending from the conwill be exhibited for the inspection of crete bottom to the top covering, with the public. This, however, will not an air-hole an inch in diameter, to altake place in the royal palace, which low the air to escape as the cylinder is the residence of the bridegroom fills with water. The bricks used are elect. It has not yet been decided good weather bricks, such as would herself mistress of at least half a where the display will be made, cer- be used for the top of a chimney. The circular form resists like an arch any sudden pressure of water against the outside. The water soaking through the four inches of brick is so well filtered that it answers perfectly the intended use.

> The overflow from the cistern is made so as to give an escape for the



DEEP WELL FILTER FOR COOL

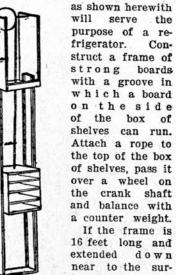
filth which comes from the roof, preventing the necessity for frequent cleaning. The leader from the roof enters at one end, and the waste passes from the other end.

A channel is made of five-inch tiles across the bottom, beginning about three feet from where the entering water strikes the bottom, and thence by a brick flue against the side, four by six inches, to the overflow channel at top, which has a sharp descent through tiles, terminating in a fourinch galvanized pipe, with a self-acting valve at the bottom, which is closed when no water is running, thus "That's the store detective," replied excluding vermin. The whole chan-

> Another plan suggested by Rural Affairs, is shown in the smaller illustration. The cistern for holding the filtered drinking water is 24 feet deep, with brick over the top, the arch what a pair of birds would require.

A Dummy Waiter for the Well

Where a deep, cool well is located near the house an arrangement such



face of the water the lowest temperature may be secured. A nice looking top may be

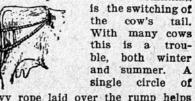
constructed for the arrangement. as shown in the small cut, with a door opening into the shelves when they are drawn to the top. Most wells, says the Farm and Home,

are almost as cool as a refrigerator, and this sort of an arrangement serves the purpose with a great deal less ex-

A wire clothes line will serve as a

cable. Any old pieces of iron will do for the counter weight, and it is well to have a ratchet wheel such as are found on old chain pumps to prevent the elevator dropping when it is well filled. Make as many parts as possible of wood to prevent rusting. My elevator is 42 inches high and 18 inches square.

COW TAIL RESIRAINER .- One of he most unpleasant features of milking



heavy rope laid over the rump helps somewhat; but a persistent cow will soon free her tail. A double rope, kept apart by a bit of a stick on either side, as shown in the cut, will securely hold the tail. The two ropes should be tied together where they pass over the back .- Farm Journal.

ORANGE BOX NESTS. - Orange boxes can be utilized for pigeon nests. The illustration from Farm Journal shows how to arrange



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