

Farmers' Department.

The Hornet.

The hornet has ever been regarded as an inveterate enemy of bees. There are probably few observant beekeepers who have not seen them about the hive, suddenly seizing some luckless individual, clipping off the wings, and carrying away the body as a tid-bit for their brood. It has also been alleged that hornets have a special predilection for queen bees, and will even hunt and manage to seize them in the cluster, just after a swarm has settled. Till recently, however, I did not regard their hostility as in any respect of much consequence; but as they happened to be unusually numerous last season, I learned to know them better. I am now convinced that the hornet is to be classed amongst the most formidable enemies of bees, since, relying on its superior strength, it will boldly enter the weaker colonies, and occasionally, by robbery and murder, effect their destruction. Let me state some facts:

On a fine day last summer, I was standing near a small artificial colony, to which an Italian queen had been given several weeks previous. I watched it closely to see whether any young bees would issue. While thus engaged, I observed a hornet alight and enter the hive without the least hesitation. I immediately prepared myself to kill her when she reappeared; but as she remained in the hive more than five minutes, my vigilance became relaxed, and she succeeded in making her escape. I perceived, indeed, as she flew away, that she was bearing off a bee, but did not then consider the circumstance as of any special importance. Studying to devise some mode of preventing such depredations in the future, I walked away, and returning in about half an hour, I found the entire population in commotion, exhibiting the clearest symptoms of queenlessness. I immediately opened the hive, and found that such was in fact the condition of the colony. Though I cannot say positively that I saw the hornet carry off the queen, I have not the least doubt that she did.

A few days later I again saw a hornet enter one of my hives, which contained a very weak cast, or third swarm, the queen of which was lost on her hymeneal trip. I had inserted a sealed royal cell, and the queen which emerged from it, returned safely from her excursion, to meet the drones, and was already fertile. Not valuing the colony very highly, I concluded to let the hornet continue her forays, and saw her frequently enter and depart. The colony soon proved to be queenless, the population decreased rapidly, and in the course of a week, the hornet ceased to repeat her visits. I now opened the hive, and took out the combs. There was not a bee to be seen, no brood, nor a trace of honey. The destruction of this colony, I attribute wholly to the depredations committed by the hornet.

I never yet saw a hornet enter the hive of a strong colony; and it might not be safe for her to attempt it. But many weak colonies have doubtless been made queenless in this manner, while the true cause remained wholly unsuspected.

"DIRT FLOORS" FOR STABLES.—In summer the feet of horses which are little used, or those used only upon hard pavements or dry roads, often become very dry, hard and hot, especially if they stand upon wood or stone floors.—The wood floors are not only dry but they absorb urine, which decomposes, evolves ammonia, and promotes this effect. An approved remedy for this is to take up the wood and lay a stone floor of small cobblestones in cement, slanting slightly to the rear; then to fill in the stall 6 inches deep at the rear, with sand or sandy loam, leaving it slanting to the front. Enough of this should be removed and renewed daily to give the horse a bed of clean, dry, but not drying sand. Little bedding will be needed, and the feet will soon gain a natural moistness.—American Agriculturist.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S LETTERS ABOUT FARMING.—We have spent a few evenings of late in reading for a second time, the "Private Correspondence of Daniel Webster," and no letters in the volumes have given us more pleasure than those brief, pointed, business-like epistles written in the hurried intervals of public life, to his overseer at Marshfield, giving directions in regard to his farm, buildings, stock, etc. We copy one:

There is one thing of importance in farming business, to be more strictly attended to hereafter. That is to employ men more exclusively who have families. Whenever we can, we must avoid employing labor to be paid altogether in money. We must try to find somebody to live in one part of the Carwell house, and somebody else to take part of the John Jaylor house. We must pay a great part of our labor

in beef and pork, and productions of the farm, the use of cows, rent, fire-wood, etc. Hereafter we must stick to this rule more closely. Be on the lookout for some men with families. I wish Peleg Keen would come back. Warm weather here and fine show-ers. DANIEL WEBSTER.

LAMBS.—It is necessary for wool growers to know how to manage lambs, when ewes having lambs are weak. The best plan is to dig a hole in moist manure, and put the lamb in, cover it up all but the head and leave it in that situation for half an hour, when the lamb will be able to run after the rest of the flock. I have never known this remedy to fail.—J. H. A. in Rural American.

KEEP THE BIRTH DAY.—A western exchange makes the following excellent suggestions, which must meet the approbation of all youthful readers. We trust they will also be received with favor by the old folks. It says:

"Keep the birth days religiously; they belong exclusively to, and are treasured among, the sweetest memories of home. Do not let anything prevent some token, be it ever so small, that it be remembered. For one day they are heroes. The special pudding or cake is made for them; a new jacket or trousers, with pockets, or the first pair of boots are donned; and big brothers and sisters sink into insignificance beside little Charlie, who is 'six to-day,' and is going to be a man. Mothers who have half a dozen little ones to care for, are apt to neglect birth days; they come too often—sometimes when they are nervous—but if they only knew how much such souvenirs are cherished by their wee Susy or Harry, years afterward, when away from the hearthstone, and they have none to remind them that they have added one more year to the perhaps weary round of life, or to wish them, in old fashioned phrase, 'many happy returns to their birth day,' they would never permit any cause to step between them and a mother's privilege.

It is a singular but significant fact that there is no animosity between the privates of the two armies. They are sometimes caught enjoying their own little private truces and amicities on the picked lines. On such occasions they exchange papers, talk politics, make coffee, trade coffee for tobacco, &c., in the most amicable manner. A most amusing occurrence happened on one portion of our line. The sharpshooters on both sides had got miffed about something and had been shooting at each other all the morning. One fellow finally rose up from behind his shelter, making some kind of a Free Mason sign, and shouts out: 'Halloo, Reb! we are getting hungry; suppose we stop a while and take dinner?' Reb answers, 'Well, Yank, say we do, will you agree?' The word was passed along the lines and all parties made their coffee, the rebs drinking sham and the Yanks real coffee. When they were through Yank says: 'Are you ready over there?' 'Yes,' 'Well, then the truce is up, and we'll go it again.' And at it they went again.

DAILY LIFE.—As daylight can be seen through very small holes, so little things will illustrate a person's character. Indeed, character consists in little acts, habitually and honorably performed; daily life being the quarry from which we build it up and rough-hew the habits that form it.

BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF WIT.—Henry IV., of France, liked a brief reply. He once met an ecclesiastic, to whom he said: "Whence do you come? Where are you going? What do you want?" The ecclesiastic replied instantly, "From Bourges—to Paris—a benefice." "You shall have it," replied the monarch.

CONVENIENT FORMULE.—Sheridan had a very convenient formulæ for acknowledging all the new publications that were sent him: "Dear sir, I have received your exquisite work, and I have no doubt I shall be highly delighted after I have read it."

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