

STORAGE ROOM NEEDED.

An Important Item Which Unfortunately is Overlooked by Quite a Number of Beekeepers.

It is just as unreasonable to expect bees to store you a crop of surplus honey, without ample storage-room properly equipped, as anything can be, and to complain at the bees for not doing it is proof sufficient of lack of intelligence. Yet it is done.

You will occasionally meet an old "mossback" that will tell you that bees do not do any good in this country any more, and that they cannot make a living here, or they cannot make a living there, when the facts are that his remarks are applicable to himself instead of the bees.

Some who should know better may also tell you that this country is becoming overstocked with bees, when we all know that there are tens of thousands of pounds of honey going to waste for every one pound gathered, for want of bees sufficient to save it.

This country is improving faster in nectar-producing blossoms by far than the rate of increase of bees. While it may be true that some localities are overstocked with bees, yet, take it as a whole, it would be absurd to think of.

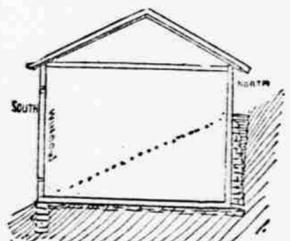
The amount of storage capacity properly applied for surplus honey has all to do with the size of the crop, and if we do not apply it we fail. We may have a poor honey flow which we cannot help, but we can get ready for it if it comes, and it seldom fails to pay expenses, to say the least. The best standard hives are all equipped with the necessary storage-room for surplus, and if we bring these into use we seldom make a mistake in this particular.

There is a right time and a wrong time to add surplus boxes, but as a rule they should be applied at the beginning of the principal honey flow of the season. Colonies must be strong to at once accept them, and weak colonies should not have them put on until they become strong. Supers should also be added to a colony when it is crowded for space in the brood chamber, and thus prevent it from swarming, if possible.—A. H. Duff, in National Rural.

A SIDE-HILL HOUSE.

It Secures Great Warmth for Poultry in Winter and Keeps Them Dry in Summer.

The cut shows a cross-section of a poultry house built on a side hill, the arrangement being such as to secure great warmth, and no inflowing of water—the usual trouble in building into a bank. Loose stones behind the retaining wall conduct the water from the hill down into a tile drain below the wall (the wall is cemented), while



any other water that may overflow the tile drain runs along through the loose stones beneath the house, and runs into the loose stone wall beneath the front side of the house. A house ten feet long, or a hundred feet, could be built in this way along a hillside. A house of this kind on a southern exposure is excellent for winter use, being sunny, protected from the cold north and northwest winds, and having good drainage in front. When built as we have described, the drainage from the rear cannot affect it injuriously.—Farm Journal.

NOTES FOR BEEKEEPERS.

Never pull up the cover that the bees have so closely sealed down unless compelled to do so.

In all hives there should be three personages—the queen, the worker bee and the drone.

Beekeeping combined with fruit-growing enables one to take a double crop from the same land.

Any extra work about the apiary should be attended to and everything gotten in readiness before the bees begin to swarm.

Worker bees, being undeveloped females, may now and then be sufficiently developed to lay eggs, but their eggs will produce only drones.

The worker bee does all the work of the hive, gathers in the honey, pollen and water, secretes the wax, builds the comb, ripens and caps the honey.

When returning frames to the hive, adjust them slowly and carefully. Do not slide the frame to its place at one push; slide it up slowly, just to touch the next frame.—Maine Farmer.

Beekeeping for Farmers. D. N. Ritchie is very emphatic in the belief that every farmer should keep bees, and says a farmer who hasn't one or two colonies is not up to the times. He thinks not five per cent. of the farmers have honey on the table for food, and he probably might have made the percentage much smaller without distressing the truth. A notable statement is this: "I can show you farmers living by me who had not had a crop of clover seed for 20 years, until I moved here and bred my bees to such a size that they can work on the red clover; and now they are getting large fields of the very best of seed."—Busy Bee.

INDIANA FUNERAL TALES.

The Biggest Coffin Ever Made and Queer Barrels Recalled by Undertakers.

The recent meeting of the Undertakers' Association of Indiana led to a discussion of the proposed manufacture of burial caskets out of glass, and it was decided almost unanimously that if the project proved feasible it would result in good both to the undertakers and to the people who need their services, for prices could be made uniform and decorations or expensive trimmings would be useless. It was said, reports the New York Sun, that such caskets would be airtight and that bodies could be preserved indefinitely. Another advantage would be that they could be viewed without opening the coffin. It is said that these caskets are to be cast much the same as plate glass and that molds corresponding to all the various sizes will be made for their manufacture.

As an incident to the discussion several stories with reference to the sizes of coffins and to the ideas of persons regarding burial were told, and it was said that some of the largest coffins ever made were for Indiana people. For instance, the supposed largest coffin ever made was for John Hanson Craig, the Hendricks county giant who traveled with a number of shows and was widely advertised as the largest man in the world. The inside measurements of his coffin were seven feet four inches in width and two feet two inches in depth. He was carried to his grave in a two-horse wagon, because the hearse would not admit the coffin, and it required eight men to carry the remains from the wagon to the grave. Mrs. Lida Crecraft, of Russiaville, was another for whom the coffin had to be specially made. It measured six feet six inches in length and was 38 inches wide and 20 inches deep. Mrs. Craig, wife of the Hendricks county giant, required a coffin of nearly the same dimensions as Mrs. Crecraft, and it is said that it took nearly 40 yards of goods to make her shroud.

Bozell Foster, who lived and died in Warren county, had a desire for a fine coffin and had one made as nearly like President Garfield's as possible. It was made by a Springfield (O.) manufacturer, and the cost was \$800. Foster was 62 years of age when he died, and the contract for the coffin was let two years before. It is said that he took a decided aversion to women when a young man, and for more than 40 years he occupied a room in the old homestead and no woman was ever permitted to enter it. Just before his death he engaged every vehicle in the town and country around and had a notice published in the local papers inviting all the people to his funeral and promising a free ride. A special invitation was sent to every woman in the town to attend the funeral and see how a man who had lived without women all his life could be buried.

In sharp contrast with Foster's preparations for his funeral were those of William Decker, whose coffin was made in this state, though he lived at Niles, Mich. The coffin was ordered some years before his death and was painted a bright vermilion, and is said to be the only red coffin that was ever made in the state. On the name-plate was engraved this inscription, which was duplicated later on the headstone of his grave: "Here lies the body of William Decker, who always paid 100 cents on the dollar."

Jesse W. Knox, who died at his home near Amboy, had primitive ideas regarding burial, and these were carried out to the letter. He directed that a straight box should be made out of two-inch oak, dovetailed together, and dressed. He had two inches of sawdust placed in the bottom, and upon this his remains were placed. He was able to afford an expensive funeral, and his relatives protested against his directions, but he refused to recall them, and said that he wanted to avoid all needless show.

James Dewherst, a farmer of Crawford county, went to Leavenworth one day and seemed to be attracted by the coffins which the undertaker was displaying. He priced one and then another, and finally got the undertaker to fix a lower price if he would take two. He left without making the purchase, but a day or two after drove up to the undertaker's and got two coffins, one for himself and one for his wife, paying \$30 each. He declared that he had got a bargain, and the coffins are now in his house ready for the occasion as soon as it comes.

Two coffins have been made in this state for persons who wanted to be buried in reclining positions. Another instance which was noted was the order of a physician who wanted a good-fitting casket and had it made according to actual measurements of his body.

New Naval Formation. The "hexagonal phalanx" is a new naval formation recently tried by a French fleet in the Mediterranean. There is one vessel at each angle of the hexagon and the admiral's ship occupies the center. Their bows all point one way—that in which the squadron sails. The admiral is equidistant from all the rest and seen by all equally well. Every one is 400 yards from the next, but the space can be reduced. In case of more vessels under the command, the excess would form a reserve, with torpedo boats added to it. This new order of battle is held to require fewer signals than others.—Chicago Chronicle.

War Notes from China.

The Imperial arsenal at Sing-Hi is running night, making metal shields with scarp heads on them.

Prince Hung is buying up all the two-handed wooden swords for the use of the royal guard.

Twenty stands of firecracker guns have been seized in the province of Taku-Nip. Handles are being fitted to a thousand dozen enameled toaster forks.

Two hundred assorted kites in the shape of demonic dragons are to be sent up to frighten away the foreign dogs.

Twenty-five thousand war gongs are being lacquered in colors and provided with bamboo thumpers. These will be beaten upon as soon as the white devils appear and are expected to throw them into a blue panic.

There is a brisk demand for Canton matted bombproofs with rice paper prayers gummed on them. These are certain to turn aside the shells from the invaders' heavy siege guns.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wholly Unexpected. "Is the head of the family?" asked the agent at the door. The meek little man with the slight side whiskers replied at once: "I am he."

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Census Pessimism. Census Taker—You live here, do you? What relation are you to the head of the house? Citizen—See here, now, don't get too funny, or I'll go and call her in.—Indianapolis Journal.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like CATTLE, WHEAT, CORN, etc., with columns for item name and price.

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His Sole Object.

Stranger—You say old Zeke only had a knife when he was tackled by the grizzly. Did he live to tell the story? Native (disgustedly)—That 'pears ter be the only thing he did liv fur, doggone it.—Philadelphia Record.

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