Agricultural Department

Italian Bees M. Metcalf, of Battle Creek, Michigan, has an article on the superiori ty of Italian Bees, in one of our ex-

changes, from which we make the following extracts: "After an experience of eighteen years in breeding bees I have never seen, until the past season, a queen whose workers and drones exhibited uniformity in the yellow bands of the first, and the mottled hues of the second; together with that constant and never-failing glossy golden color of the young queens-without black tips or spec of blemish-so much admired and coveted by every lover of the beautiful in the apiary. And yet I saw the originals of the first importation queens produced drones or queens of bly informed that many instances have been known in Italy where bright yellow queens have uniformly produced royal daughters exactly ike the mother, although the rule with indifferent colored queens was quite the reverse. That the workers of some dark queens will bear the broad yellow bands of the best, and show, with other stocks bred from the same parentage, a kindly disposition, while the latter exhibit darker bands, or a narrow stripe, is no of the worker bee, also, to the practationce forwarded to the County Superintised eye, goes a good way, but it is tendent. to select for myself from an unknown in this regard? stock of so called Italian bees I would take only those baving queens was informed during his term that no more of pure bright yellow, whose workers copies of the School Law could be furnishexhibited the broadest and brightest ed before the winter of 1878-79. yellow bands; and if drones abound I would have a particular eve to such of the young of these as had not yet b come of age, or had taken flight, and see to it that they were all brightly marked, and every one exacily like his brother. If any of these just emerging from their cells looked dubiously dark, I would pass them by, no matter how bright yellow the queen, or what the workers might be. If a few dark or even black drores should be found that had evidently taken wing, and black or hybrid bees speak, 'new comers,' and liable to be schools. found frequenting the wrong fold. Nor is the disposition to sting upon slight provocation conclusive of im-

· Household Plants.—A lady asks for information concerning household plants. There is none that will there is a large class of chronic grumblers

2. A perpendicular post 4 feet high give more satisfaction than the geraa calla, a few begonias, an oleander, a fuchsia or two, and a German ivy They are all strong-growing, healthy in leaf-mould and sand, with good 16th, and Towarda Nov. 23d. drainage and plenty of water, and it May. Begonia, weltoniensis and begonia rex are very beautiful, and their culture is very simple. Weltoniensis will bloom three-fourths of the year; has pink, wax-like flowers, inches, slips of geranium, fuchsias, for slips. Put a few bits of broken crockery at the bottom, and leave half an inch space at the top for watering. The foregoing directions will grow almost any plant .- Letter in Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"get up on his ear,' or "yours, than

his black congener. But this is so

been handled, for it is comparatively

an easy matter to get a man, beast,

or honey-bee to 'go for' an intruder."

CHEMISTRY. - Dr. Holdefleiss has wanting. published some very important conclusions on the transformation that the phosphoric acid of the natural hospimtes undergoes in the soil. Fumus, whether as in peat, or stable of the Institute, gave out before the manures, exercises but little effect, -till less the carbonic or other organic acids; but the inorganic nitric and emmoniacal salt possess the power of setting free the phosphoric acid to a on the remaining boards. Thus far the great degree. Clay soils, if watered have answered us the same purpose as with liquid manure, will give off am-monia, but turf soils will retain this the request of Superintendent Ryan and gas by immediately transforming it several teachers, I publish the recipe as into nitric combinations. M. Bohm, given me by Mr. Piatt, in the Educationna Austrian physiologist, has con- al Column, for the benefits of directors directed some experiments with kid. who are repairing, or constructing black ney beans; they could not develop in distilled water, but in ordinary water they did, owing to the presence in oil, mix one-half pint of turpentine and of salts of lime which transport the one-half pint of boiled oil; and about oneclements of the seed to the young half teacup full of Japan dryer. Will costem. M. Peligot has shown that if ver five or six yards of surface one coat, beans be watered with a solution of depending on the state of the board." common salt when growing in an ordinary soil, the plant will reject the sodium, and take instead, potassium, while if grown in the same solution exclusively, they will absorb sodium. Messrs. Deherain and Maquenne conclude from all these facts that salts in solution are absolutely necessary to favor the migration of the principles of the seed to the infant stems. Paris Letter to New England Far-

two of stewed raisins, two teaspoontude?

Solution of stewed raisins, two teaspoontudes of stewed raisins, two teaspoontudes of stewed raisins, two teaspoontudes of solution of stewed raisins, two teaspoontudes of stewed raisins, two t five of flour, salt, teaspoonful cinna. Asia, in order, commencing at the northmon and cloves.

Educational Pepartment

E. E. QUINLAN, J. A. WILT, J. T. McCollow, Associate Editors. G. W. RYAN, A. T. LILLEY.

Communications may be sent to either of the in the issue of which he has charge. G. W. RYAN, Editor. ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORTS.

Many directors have enquired after their appropriation, within the last few weeks oudering at not receiving it. The Superintendent by request of d rectors has written to the Department to know whether or not there is any special cause for delay, and as yet no answer

The Department pays the appropriation -owned one of them-and several of in the order the Annual Reports are rethe latter ones, directly from their ceived at Harrisburg, and undoubtedly native habitation. None of these the delay is in cases where the Secretary was late in forwarding to County Superuniform color, although I am relia- intendent the Reports; for the Reports have been promptly sent on to Harrisburg. Mr. A. B. Cranmer, Secretary of Monoe Board, who is one of the most prompt in the county, says the appropriation for that town is always received at a very carly date. The appropriation for that township was received this year long before some Boards had made the Annual Report. One Report was sent by the Board in September. To prevent any delay next year let the members of the Boards so keep the accounts, and manage proof of purity of the queens, but the business of the District that at the orquite the contrary. What then, are ganization of the next Board, the first the tests of purity? I answer, color, meeting in June next, the Annual Report

quite useless to the novice. If I were | Why cannot Bradford County rank first SCHOOL LAWS.—Superintendent

> Many directors are asking for copies, and a letter has been sent to the Department asking for a supply for this county.

were anywhere about, the bare fact in order to have enough to fill our schools work in their schools. May they be second dark drones being found in an and have a reasonable surplus. More onded and encouraged by distations of otherwise standard colony would not than enough to supply the schools have parents. Alma Cooley and J. G. Williams he conclusive against the stock, or received certificates. There are from 75 are teaching the first term, and quite as that these drones are the progeny of to 100 others who hold professional, per- efficiently as the most experienced. Mr. this yellow queen, by any means, for manent or Normal School certificates, Williams has few equals in tact to econo-

qualified.

far has been to induce teachers to become much a matter of education of the bees by their bee-master who has them in charge that not much stress should be placed upon that, unless unless who know how they have better qualified and have better teachers, better qualified and have better teachers, the progress of the improvement in our schools. by systematic, patient self-culture, or by attending schools. better qualified and have better teachers, the progress of the pupils, and proud of

Doubtless there are a few who thoughtlessly ask for private examination, en-knowing that C's age at A's birth was 54 dorsement, or certificates for riends with- times B's, and now is equal to the sum of out examination, who do not consider A's and B's; also that if A were now 3 that, if impartial and true to his obligative years younger, or B 4 years older A's age who selfishly and willfully persist in such stands at the edge of a river; a vertical

bribe or bull-doze. plants, not subject to insects or dis partiality or neglect of duty will knowing post, and another from the bottom of the case. They are of the easiest culture, ly be permitted. To give all an opportupole to the top of the post; how far from with beautiful foliage and abundant uity for examination two special examinathe the top of the pole to the point where the bloom. The calla should be potted tions have been advertised-Troy Nov. two lines touch?

The Teachers' Association at Monroewill soon make you a forest of dark- ton November 9th, was a very successful green leaves, four and five feet in one, and decidedly profitable to all pres- \$10; how many sheaves did each gather? height, and produce its beautiful, ent: The same may be said of all the pulte-white flowers from January to sessions during past year. To the retiring President. J. Andrew Wilt, is the credit largely due.

At the time of his election as President he was not engaged in teaching, yet was him a very gentlemanly officer, and judge Teas..... 25 and very abundant. Rex is a noble a regular at:endant and worker in the Association, thus manifesting his interest in permit no expense to prevent his assisting plant. It has immense leaves, with sociation, thus manufesting his interest in the cause of education. We should like his teachers in preparing for school work. dark ground. Of fuchsias, Karl Halt to see some old teachers of our county and specioza are desirable, and will elected President of this organization, but give satisfaction. A good way to they need never expect such recognition row slips is to prepare a box with unless regular attendants at the sessions. two or three inches of any good gar. A number of the younger teachers of our den soil, to which add a little sand; county came from the most distant townthen insert, to the depth of about two ships during very unpleasant weather, to

Towarda, July 17, 1878. attend the last meeting-one too late for or anything you may wish to grow, the stage walked a number of miles. 1. C. I'ress the earth gently around the These teachers are among the most succhips, and give water sufficient to cessful, and they certainly are among the moisten the earth to the bottom of best qualified as their papers at the last the box. Beware of too much water. examination plainty show. They realize Better too dry than too wet. When that the Association is a power for good; the plants begin to grow, put them and that it is the duty of each teacher to in three-inch pots, filled as directed aid and encourage it by attending and striving to become better prepared to win success. Such teachers will find a way through any obstacles to obstacles to success or make it.

We are aware that, in many cases, there are difficulties that prevent attendance, but with far too many the, way is EXPERIMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL plain and easy enough, but the will is

> MR. EDITOR :-- During the summer vacation, the Eureka Liquid Slating, with which we were covering the blackboards boards were covered, Mr. James Piatt, who was painting in the building at the time, made a preparation which was put on the remaining boards. Thus far they those covered with the liquid slating. At

> boards: "With one pound of Drop Black ground I give also the address of a firm which manufactures Liquid Slating for black board, which I have used and know to be good: Munger & Son, East River, Conn.

E. E. Quinlan. Towarda, Nov. 22, 1878. ARREXED is a set of examination queslions in Geography. We have not space nough for other branches this week:

1. Name the seas in and around Eu-2. Which is longer in Pennsylvania, a

POTATOES can be kept from rotting by dusting them with lime, using about one bushel of lime to 40 bushels pri potatoes, east and passing southward, then west-

Amoor, Danube, Ganges, Lons, Madeire isckensie, Volga and Colorado? 5. Name the principal peninsulas of the world that extrad southward, stating from what they project, and into or be-

tween what waters. 6. Locate the principal islands, con neucing at Kamchatka peninsula, thence southerly and around the continents of Asia and Europe.

7. How many counties in Pennsylvania and how many townships in Bradford County? 8. What climatic circles bound the north temperate zone, what is the width CLOTHING 8. What climatic circles bound the

in degrees and miles (statute), of this 9. What are the latitude and longitude of our autipodes or of the people at the opposite extremity of a diameter from us through the center of the earth? 10. Give as complete definition as possi

ble of climate. 11. What is the name of the winds that prevail over the north toorid zone, and from what direction do they come? 12. How many States and how man Territories are there in the United States. 13. Name the largest continent, the highest mountain peak, the longest river, and the largest city of the world.

14. Explain the cause of the seasons. 15. On what meridians is the earth's surface supposed to be divided to represent the eastern and western hemispheres? 16. Through what waters would you pass in sailing from the head of Lake Superior to the Crimean peninsula? 17. Write the names of the States that border on Lake Michigan, and under each name the capi al of the State.

18. Why are the British Islands in the mainly; disposition, next. The form may be signed by the proper officers, and same latitude, warmer than Labrador? 19. In what body of water (gulf) is the point of no latitude and longitude? 20. On what month and day (noonday) would a resident of Havana, Cuba, see the sun directly overhead. 21. Name the cities in or very near the

40th parallel of latitude.

THE Superintendent was occupied during the most of October from the 1st to the 20th holding examinations, so that The Superintendent has held twenty-one but little time remained for vistation. examinations during the present fall, and The following were visited-some nearly has one more to hold, November 23d. half day each: J. F. Mitten, Maggie Bo-When the examinations shall have been watt, Mary Stalford, Alma Cooley, Mincompleted, about 550 teachers will have nie Hillis, Susie Bump, Myron Chaafee, been examined, of whom probably some- V. S. Peet, Cynthia Bull, R. A. Horton, thing over 400 will have received certifi- J. Taylor, Inez Smith, E. H. Codding, cates. Many of those receiving certifi- Alzina Hines, J. G. Williams, Jennie cates are too poorly qualified, but it has Canfield. These teachers are energetic, been necessary to permit them to teach faithful workers, and are doing a valuable the reason that the drones are, so to making a total of 500 teachers for our 400 omize time. Nearly all of the teachers mentioned above are teaching map draw-Many teachers have neglected to apply ing, sounds of letters, the principles of for examination, which is surely no fault reading, use of blackboard for all classes, slight provocation conclusive of important purity of blood, although it is true that the pure Italian is less liable to qualified.

of the examiner me would glady license analysis in arithmetic and grammar, and diagrams. If all our teachers on opening school this winter will be thoroughly proschool this winter will be thoroughly pro The object of the Superintendent thus gressive, using the best methods the di-

rectors and people will be pleased with

ABITHMETICAL EXAMPLES. 1. Find the ages of A, B, and C, by

hiums. For variety, you might add demands, occasionally one who would pole 12 feet high has its foot up the bank on the side hill 8 feet horizontally from To save individual refusals, all may ex- the top of the post; a line is drawn from pect in the future as in the past, that no the top of the pole to the bottom of the

> 3. Two men agree to gather sheaves for \$100. The first gathers twice as many as the second, lacking 10 sheaves, and has SULLIVAN COUNTY .- It was our good fortune too meet many of the teachers of Sullivan, and Superintendent Little, for a few hours at their Institute. We found Standard A Sugar.

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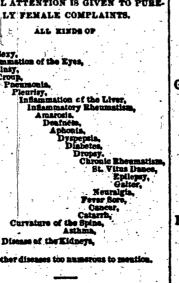
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