The Bloomfield Gimes.

Tuesday, July 29, 1873.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

A Bee Story.

A curious incident is related in a French paper as having occurred in a little village not far from Paris. Some bees were swarming on an oak tree, and a wood-cutter named Guiot climbed the tree and cut off the extremity of the branch upon which the swarm hung. Instead of falling to the ground, however, the swarm dispersed and settled on the head of Guiot, who was still sitting on the branch, forty feet from the ground. The bystanders believed that, tortured by the stings, he would fall to the ground. But with great presence of mind, Guiot remained perfectly still till the swarm had formed two long wreaths hanging from his temples; then, half blinded by the insects, which also covered his face and body. he contrived to descend from his elevated position, taking the greatest care not to irritate this living mantle. When he reached the ground a hive was placed on his shoulder, but three hours elapsed before the bees would take possession of their new home. When this happy change was effected the poor wood-cutter's wild delight testified to the intensity of the anxiety and discomfort he had endured.

Irregular Hatching.

A correspondent of the Poultry Chronicle having been unsuccessful with his eggs, the chickens hatching irregularly and dying soon after breaking the shell, the editor says, in answer to his complaint:

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Clover in South Carolina.

The corespondent to the Agricultural Department in York County, S. C., writes : "A few years ago clover was scarcely

ever seen growing in this county, unless upon some small lot belonging to what the people called "a book-farmer; now nearly every farmer grows from one-half of an are to twenty acres. No machinery for threshing out the seed, that I am aware of, has thus far been brought here, and seed brought from northern markets is exclusively sown. In this county, on clay soil moderately fertile, clover has succeeded well; still, as yet, it is rarely planted as a crop, most farmers preferring to experiment on a small scale before seeding down with it any valuable portion of land. Its introduction here is a success, and its width will increase every year hereafter.

Don't Cut too Low.

We think many of our farmers make a great mistake in cutting their grass very low, and that is more particularly the case with timothy. If out below the first joint, its roots will seldom send up shoots again until after the formation of new side bulbs. Clover and other deep-rooted plants are not so much affected, but we are satisfied that all or any of them may be, and often are, injured by too close cutting. It is a fact well known that if timothy is allowed to ripen its seed, and then cut with a reaper or cradle, the second growth will furnish double the amount of pasture as adjoining grass out for hay.

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