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THE BEE MOTH.—*Mr. Editor*: There have been many ways suggested to prevent the ravages of the bee moth, and no doubt each way has been practised with some degree of success; still it is doubtful whether any method has yet been discovered by which we may entirely prevent their disturbing the rightful occupants of the hive.

On raising the hive we may find the moth snugly housed under its edges, and in every crevice in the bench or board upon which the hive stands; thus being prepared to sally forth and commit their depredations whenever a suitable opportunity may occur. And if unmolested, they will continue to multiply and gain strength until they gain full possession of the hive and its contents.

But they may be destroyed in great numbers by the following means:—Raise the hive an inch from the bench by placing small blocks under its corners, and fill every crevice in the bench, thus depriving them of their favorite location altogether. Then take a little board, say three by six inches, and one-half inch in thickness, and with a knife or some other sharp instrument cut it full of grooves upon one side; let the grooves extend through half the thickness of the board. Thus prepared, slide it under the hive, the grooved side down. This furnishes the moth with exactly such a place as they desire, and all you have to do is to remove your trap from one to three times a week, and destroy what you find in it. Small rods of elder, divided lengthwise and the pith removed, will answer, though not as well as a board with grooves in it.

We do not claim greater merit for this remedy than for any other known, but merely say, as it can be tested without the least expense, let all those who may have occasion for opportunity give it a trial, and satisfy themselves whether it will pay to practice it or not. M. GARRETT.

Middlebury, Nov. 5, 1855.

THE STING OF WASPS, ACID.—We have never found anything so efficacious for venomous stings, as a paste made of saleratus. A sting in the finger by a yellow wasp which felt as if it nearly pierced through, was entirely relieved of the pain, swelling and of every other unpleasant feeling, in a short time, except the simple sore of the puncture, like that of a needle, by this application. There may possibly be other alkaline applications better than this, but we do not know them.

In corroboration of the correctness of the theory on which this remedy is founded, we have lately observed an incident mentioned in the travels of James Backhouse, an eminent English naturalist and missionary, in the Mauritius and South Africa. In passing through the forests, his hat came in contact with the naked combs of a large, ochre-colored wasp, and one of them avenged himself by stinging him in the finger. The burning pain subsided in a few minutes, on pressing out the poison, and sucking the part affected. The poison was *distinguishably* acid.

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