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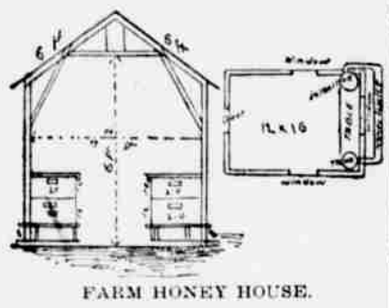
EXTRACTING HONEY.

It Is Some Trouble to Secure It, But Additional Profits Pay for the Extra Work.

I got my early instructions in California in 1875. My first lesson was that a lazy man would make lazy bees and know that to be so. I prefer to make extracted honey as there is more profit in it. The bees that will make 100 pounds of comb honey will make 350 to 400 pounds of extracted honey if properly attended to. The railroads charge twice as much freight on comb honey as they do for extracted and the dead weight is about double. In California I have shipped 11¼ tons from 75 stands and their increase in one season, and I did not use my method of rapid increase, but could not do



FARM HONEY HOUSE.

half that in Arizona. Everything here has small leaves and small flowers except plants whose roots can reach water, so the bees have to go to so many more flowers to get their load that a strong stand will take three weeks to fill up as much as they would do in California in one week. Last season I took out 6,960 pounds from 54 stands which is about double what my neighbors got and they thought they did very well. I use sheds and would no more think of working bees without a shed than I would think of cooking out of doors. I have tried both and I know the difference, of course it can be done so can the cooking be done. I send you a sketch of my shed and dimensions. I set them due north and south with honey house at the south end. The honey house is 12x16 with door at north end. I set my uncapping table at south end and extractor southeast corner and run the honey out through the east side of the house into a sluice running south 3 feet to a main sluice running west 9 inches wide, 2½ deep lined with tin and covered with glass and 12 feet long, width of the house, then turn 3 feet north to house so the main sluice is not shaded by the building. Just outside is a trap, an oil-can cut off to 8 inches deep with a division plate extending down to within half an inch of the bottom. The can is soldered to the sluice so the top is even with the sides. In the morning I raise the glass and put it back and take out a little cake of wax and any bees, flies ants or any thing that had got into the extractor is stuck fast and put in the sun strainer. Nothing but perfectly pure honey can pass under the plate and rise 5 inches to the spout that goes into tank inside the house.—E. W. Sinclair, in Agricultural Epitomist.

TREATMENT FOR LICE.

To Keep Poultry Free from Vermin Is as Essential to Success as Good Feeding.

While the food is important, it is not any more so than taking care to keep the poultry free from vermin. This is not a hard task if taken in time. Any of the lice killers used judiciously around the nests will kill the lice on the hens, but be careful not to use them too freely. Years ago I killed some very fine turkey hens by using too much. If you have neglected to treat for lice before she hatched, take the mother when she is through and thoroughly dust her with insect powder. Give her a chance to shake the powder well out of her feathers before giving her the poults, for all vermin powder injures the eyes of little ones if it gets into them. If the weather is dry and warm take each poult and rub under the throat a little thick cream, and if the wing feathers have started out well, rub them also, and put the poults back under the hen until thoroughly dry. Now, don't put much on each part. Don't grease with anything else if you have the cream, and that must be thick. If you have none, then a very little pure lard will do. Don't mix with carbolic acid or anything else. A few moth balls in the roosting places is as good as anything to keep vermin down after you once get rid of them. Little turkeys must be kept dry until they are well feathered. After the wheat is harvested they will take care of themselves, but they should roost near the house. If they roost out one night something may catch them.—Mrs. B. G. Mackey, in Reliable Poultry Journal.

Varied Rations for Hens.

An excellent plan to follow in feeding poultry is to give the birds wheat one day, the following day oats, the next barley, and so on. A great deal of inferior grain is sometimes purchased for fowls, which is a mistake. It is a better plan to buy the grains separately, and then, if it is the wish to feed the birds on mixed grains, it can be easily done. Although it may seem more expensive to buy the good grain, it is in the end much cheaper. Corn should be given only in small quantities, and then only during cold weather.

Shot by a foreigner at South Bethlehemt on Aug. 1, Mrs. Mary Sharkey died at the almshouse of lockjaw Thursdry.

Stabbed at a wedding feast three weeks ago John Wasco died at Allentown Thursday night.

His Life in Peril.

Chas. O. Walter, west of Kissimmee will have sale of farm stock Monday, Oct. 13.

Perhaps You Wonder

The bank at this place is having its heating outfit repaired and remodeled.

Send in the local news to the POST. We will publish them.

A Typical South African Store.

When in need of Job Printing give us a call.

Goes Like Hot Cakes.

Chestnuts have reached our markets

Preston Eidley, of Lewistown, formerly of this place, is the father of a new baby.

Americas Famous Beauties.

Referring to bridges, the two fastest horses in the world are a span without a peer.

Two masked men who held up Mrs. Marion Walters near Sharon, took $13 and a gold watch.

$100 Reward, $100.

THEY NEVER SPEAK NOW.

Little Jenkins (who has tried many subjects)—Are you fond of rifle shooting?

Long Tomkins—Yes, sometimes—but I can never stand a small bore. —Ally Sloper.

The Only Way.

Lives of most rich men remind us
That if we would be sublime,
When assessors try to find us
We must dodge them every time.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Good Plan.

She—The Burrowes are having their wooden wedding next week. What can we give them?

"We might send them a receipt for some of the money he owes me."—Brooklyn Life.

Mischievous Caterpillars.

First Caterpillar—See that sweet girl down there in the hammock?

Second Caterpillar—Yes.

First Caterpillar—Let's jump on her neck!

And they did.—Ohio State Journal.

Right in the Swim.

"Is she fashionable?"

"Oh, yes, indeed! I'm sure she loves her husband dearly; yet she conceals the fact beautifully."—Town Topics.

A Wise Reminder.

Gladys—What do you think of mamma?

Cholly—I think she's out of sight.

Gladys—You forget the keyhole.—Judge.

The American Hard to Beat.

In London recently an American, boasting of the superiority of his country, was interrupted by an Englishman, who said: "There's one thing in which this country surpasses America. You never saw on the other side of the Atlantic any fog that could match the one which hangs over London tonight." "Fog! Fog!" came the unhesitating reply of the irate American; "why, this is nothing compared with some of the fogs we have around New York harbor. Sometimes the fog is so thick around there that it's a common thing for captains of ferry boats to put on extra crews simply to pump the fog out of the cabins. Why, there's a corporation organizing in New Jersey right now to cap American fog and supply the British people with the real thing."

Why She Wept.

Old Gentleman (to little girl who is weeping bitterly)—Why, what are you crying about, little girl?

Little Girl—Oh, I don't know. Cause I'm a woman, I s'pose.—Tit-Bits.