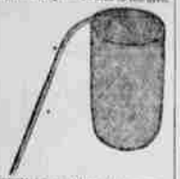
The Bees.

Practical Lessons from the Insect Commonwealth.

When [illegible] important [illegible] Many warnings [illegible] most cases on a [illegible] the part of the beekeeper. [illegible] ful we must not be [illegible] but "be up and dressed," and when a swarm issues be prepared to hive it immediately. Hives and frames should be in readiness, and at least one food on the stand where you want the new swarm placed, and carry the swarm to the hive.



A HOMEMADE SWARMING APPARATUS.

Many times been light high, or on fruit or ornamental tree that we do not wish to injure by cutting the limb off. In such a case some kind of a swarming apparatus is very convenient. The one here reproduced from Ohio Farmer is made from a long forked stick. Bind the forks together to the shape of a hoop, and just large enough to go in a large coffee sack for other open material that will not smother the bees, then fasten it in the mouth of the sack. Bind the stick near the fork. For convenience cut the stick in two near the fork, and fasten the two parts together again, so they can be easily taken apart. This makes a very good swarming arrangement. It is very cheap, light and convenient, says the authority quoted.

Shake the bees from the limb into the sack, turn it over, and as bees can escape carry them to the hive; take the cover off and gently lay the sack on top of the frames, so the bees can crawl out of the sack down into the hive. Sometimes swarms will leave their new home. To make a sure thing of their staying, give them a comb containing brood and honey from the parent hive. I have never had a swarm to leave when this method was used.

In hiving a swarm on empty frames we do not mean that they are strictly empty, but frames that have a "starter" in them, which is a narrow strip of foundation about an inch wide, fastened in the center of the endbeams of the top bar, and on the same principle that foundation is fastened in medium brood. This serves as a comb guide, and we get the combs built just where we want them.

The Losses in Corn Fodder.

From experiments made at the Wisconsin station to ascertain the comparative loss in corn fodder when preserved in the silo or by the ordinary method of curing in the field, the results of ten trials during a period of three years appear to be narrowed down to this: The loss of food materials in either system is very considerable, and shows that fodder cannot be preserved by any method now known without their deterioating in value.

In the fodder corn as it is cut in the fall there is a certain quantity of food elements that may be preserved in a succulent state in the silo, or cured and fed to cattle as dry fodder. In either case an equal quantity of the food materials is destroyed, on an average about one-fifth. This loss being equal in either case, the question of which method of preserving fodder corn to adopt becomes one of convenience and economy of feed. The value of these feeding stuffs was about the same for milk and butter production, hence it is concluded the adoption or non-adoption of the silo must be decided on the score of convenience. In some localities the conditions may be more favorable to the field curing system, while in others the uncertainty of weather, the cheapness of lumber or the severity of winter may speak strongly in favor of the system of ensiling the fodder corn.

Manure for Potatoes.

A fertilizer suited to any soil cannot be prescribed without knowing the particular needs of whatever soil it is applied to. In most cases, the most certain and reliable fertilizer is good barn manure properly applied the previous years. Superphosphate is not always per cent, but if they have proved decidedly useful on any soil, a few hundred pounds may be applied to the acre. In other instances ground bone, mixed with moderately heating horse manure, has proved beneficial on some land. Nitrate of soda has greatly aided growth on some soils, with no appreciable benefit on others. An extensive manufacturer of potato fertilizers contended that he could not recommend any for certain named soils. Such special fertilizers have sometimes given the largest known potato crops in the country, but in many cases they have produced comparatively small ones. Every grower therefore must experiment variously on his own land to determine what is needed and to select the best.—Country Gentleman.

The Fighting Gamecock.

A sturdy newcomer, some six feet in height, laughed at the warnings that were given him when he set out for a walk, and disdainfully refused the protection of a turkey—or thorny branch, the dangerous use of which will keep the ostrich at bay—asserting that he "was not afraid of a dirty bird!" He was missed, and discovered some hours after by a search party, most uncomfortably perched on the top of an immense boulder, and shortly giving notice the African sun, while the "dirty bird" did scurry up and down, watching him with an evil eye.—London Spectator.

Half Bedrooms and Milk Bottles.

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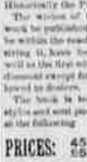

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