Che Apiary.

IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING BEES,

To the farmer of ample means the subject, at first, will seem of too small dimensions to devote even the time necessary for a careful examination; but the subject, once entered upon, will enlarge under careful investigation, and assume proportions equal in magnitude, interest and importance, with any one of the many fields of agricultural pursuits. To the farmer of medium or limited means, it will be found a subject deserving their careful and critical examination comparing it in all points with other pursuits. After such comparison and examination, the thoughtful, painstaking tiller of the soil will, I feel assured, find a mine of wealth ready to yield its treasure in great bounty to him who will discriminate and realize, by close scrutiny and that attention to the little things (that makes the successful miner, farmer, breeder, or professional man)-the difference beween the sand under his feet and the grains of gold mixed therewith, giving a steady and sure source of income, which, pursued with painstaking and steadiness, leads soon to an abode of ease and independence.

A farmer who can realize a living from a small farm, will find that for every dollar made either from crops, cattle, poultry, horses or hogs, on such farm, he can by the sacrifice of one-sixtleth of the time devoted thereto, increase his income at least fifty per cent.; and where he has not the necessary capital to start on, can, upon the trifling outlay of five dollars, in three or four years grow a capital, the income from which will equal that realized from any other department of his farm.

As far as I know, that farmer who by investing the sum of two thousand dollars in land for cultivation, horses, stock, tools and labor, can, with the addition of his own exertions the entire time, clear therefrom a net profit of thirty per cent. per annum, and upon larger amounts invested a like percentage—is doing rather better than the average of small farmers, leaving everything in as good condition at the end of the year as at the beginning. One quarter of the amount of capital invested in bee-keeping, and conducted with equal skill, at the sacrifice of only one-half of the time, will produce during the season equal in all re-Spects a net profit of not less than one hundred and twenty-five per cent., and in addition thereto an increase of capital of from thirty to seventyfive per cent., thus showing more gross profit from the investing of ave hundred dollars in one case than from investing two thousand in the other.

There is one other view of this subject that is also worthy of consideration which is that this income or profit is realized solely from protecting and giving proper care to insects. whose whole aim of life is to gather and garner within the reach of man those drops of nature's nectar that otherwise would perish and be wasted, but when gathered tend to render our country a "land flowing with milk and honey," and as the good housewife may be known by careful and frugal administration of the bounty poured into her lap by the provident and bountiful lord of her home, so may the thoughtful and intelligent political economist be known by his care and solicitude for the saying and gathering of the bountiful harvests furnished for man's use through the provident care of the Lord of the universe.

Doultry.

POULTRY FOR EGGS AND MARKET.

The best breed of fowls to rear rear for the market, or as egg-producers, depends upon locality; for while, in some places, one variety is deemed the best, in others it would prove the

Cochins will, under almost all circumstances, prove the most desirable, they being the less liable to disease, feathering up quickly, and can be bred to weigh, at from four to six months of age, eight to ten pounds. Another good fowl is the Dorking (cock) crossed with the Brahma (hen). The flesh of this cross is sweet and nutritious, and acquires at an early age the plumpness of the Dorking at maturity. There are other breeds, however, which are said to be desirable to rear for the table. Many claim that the French breeds of fowls are of this number, but this we very much doubt, as their flesh lacks the buttery, golden color that attracts the eye of the epicure. They may prove valuable as egg-producers, but they lack many good qualities as a table bird. Dorkings are undoubtedly at the head of the list as table birds, but of late years have become so subject to disease that we question the feasibility of rearing them profitably for market in our changeable northern climate.

As egg-producers the Hamburgs are claimed to stand at the head of the list. This claim we are prepared to dispute; for, as winter layers, we find that the Brahma, Cochin, Leghorn, Poland and Houdan stand relatively in the position here named. That the Hamburgs are good eggproducers we admit, but that they are any better than a number of nonsetting fowls, so-called, we deny. The richness and meatiness of their eggs are not to be compared with those of the Poland, Leghorn, Houdan or Brahma, and their eggs lack the size of those named. All things considered we have no hesitancy in saying that for eggs we should name the Polands; for the table Dorkings, and for early marketable chickens Brahmas and Cochins.-People's Practical Poultry.



Canadian Short-Horn Herd Book.

It is important that Short-horn breeders in the United States understand that the committee on the publication of this Herd Book have decided to admit to registry, as thoroughbred, all Short-horns having 15 sixteenths or more of Short-horn blood, or in other words, that four consecutive crosses of Short-horn bulls constitute a thoroughbred, whatever blood there may be back of these.

The committe cite, in justification, the authority of the British Herd Book; but there is a very decided diffrence in the two cases, of which the Buffalo Live Stock Journal properly marks: "The English Short-horn Herd Book presumes that the ancestors beyond these four or 15-16th crosses, are well bred Short-horns of the ancient original stock not recorded in their Herd Books, of which there are multitudes in England, that being the land of their aucestry, time immemorial; while in America-Canada as well as the United States-beyond such four known crosses, we have nothing to fall back on but the native cattle, composed of any and everything kept by the ordinary farmer.

"It will be readily seen by every breeder of pure Short-horn blood that a wretched system of bastardy will not only follow, but be thus directly encouraged, so long as grade cattle with only 15-16ths of pure Short-horn blood can be recorded in their Herd Books. Such a record, however much For Farmers, Miners, Millmen. satisfaction it may give to the Canadian Short-Horn breeders, who encourage it, can meet with little approbation on this side of the border."

It will therefore be highly proper for purchasers of Canadian Shorthorn stock to scrutinize the pedigrees carefully, so as to know whether they are buying grades or thoroughbreds. It is not likely that those of our breeders who have learned to scare at a pedigree tracing to the "impor-tation of '17," will take kindly to Canadlan grades. - Prairie Farmer.

the best, in others it would prove the reverse. Our own opinion is that for a market fewt, the Brahmas and ers, and all were rejected.

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