

BEE CULTURE.

It Doesn't Cost Very Much to Start It In a Small Way.

It is simple, and not very expensive, to start bee keeping in a small way. About \$25 to \$30 will do it. The amateur bee keeper needs but one colony of bees, a good queen and a couple of hives. Of course he should have two or three books on bee culture, a veil, gloves and a smoker.

The smoker is for the purpose of slightly confusing the bees when it is desired to open the hive. The extra hive is necessary because, as bee keeping is usually started in the spring, there must be some place for the swarm which may soon leave the parent colony. It is by swarming that increase comes about, and this may be so regulated by the bee man that his profit will be entirely through increase. Or, if he chooses, he can retard increase and work for honey only.

With an outfit such as that mentioned above the amateur can in most seasons produce enough honey for a family of five persons, and he can do this by giving no more than a few moments daily, or perhaps half an hour during the course of the week, to the care of his bees. Starting with two colonies of bees, he ought to be able to provide for his own family and have a surplus of honey to sell.—Philetus Barnard in the Countryside Magazine.

A Swiss Philanthropy.

The custom still obtains in Switzerland, though not so generally as formerly, of newly married couples making a small gift of money immediately after the wedding ceremony to the school funds as a sort of thanksgiving for their education. These funds are used to provide shoes and clothing for poor pupils who would otherwise be unable to attend school.

On Her Brow.

"Before we married you promised me rings and brooches and beads to wear."

"Well, what of it?"

"I was just thinking that the only beads I've ever worn since are beads of perspiration."—Detroit Free Press

What For?

"Pop, what kind of crops can they plant in the sea water?"

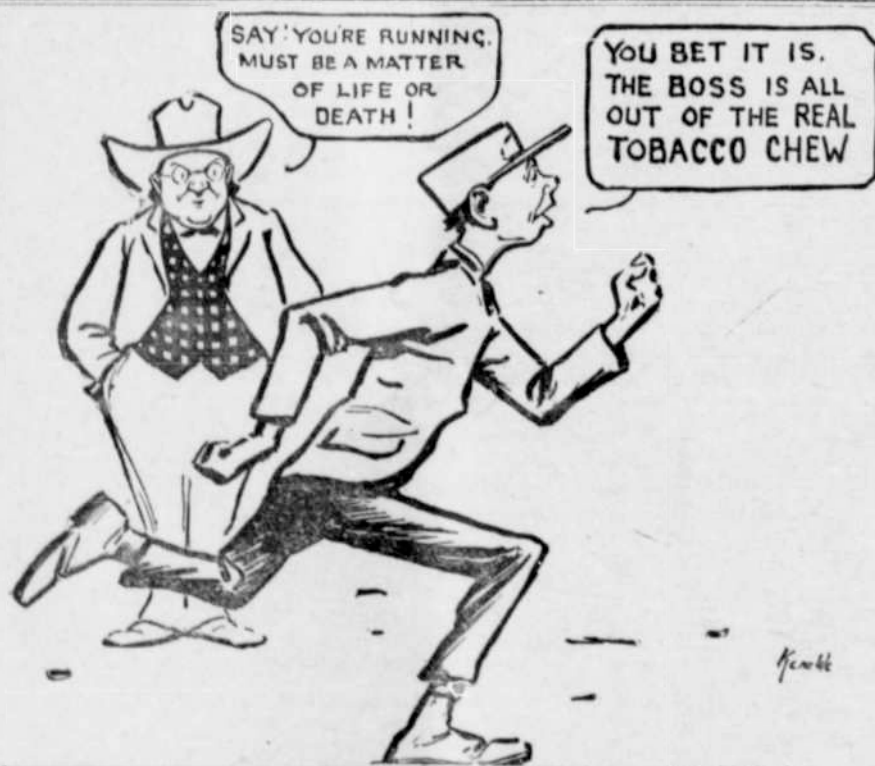
"No crops, you foolish child."

"Then why are vessels always plowing the ocean?"—Exchange.

A Considerate Girl.

Madge—He said you were very punctual. Marjorie—Why shouldn't he? I never kept him waiting more than half an hour in my life.—Lippincott's

If you cannot get grapes, says a Russian proverb, try an apple



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