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THE BUSY BEE.

A True Story of a Modern Political Struggle.

Once upon a time, and no once-ing upon a gentleman who had a beautiful garden thought that it would be very nice to have a bee-hive in it, so that the sly old queen bees, and placed them in the loveliest corner of the garden, under an old apple-tree. There was a large bed of mignonette and a small bed of sweet peas near.

The bees seemed to like their new home very much, and went to work gathering honey, and turning the nectar in the sweetest way.

The gentleman thought not only wanted the honey that his bees would make, but he wished to watch the habits of the bees, and learn all he could about the study. I am going to tell you one little truth and a few facts about bees. A working bee lives only six weeks after he begins his work in the hive. He is a busy little fellow, and works early and late to gather the honey-dew and store it away in the hive for you and me, and for the young bees to eat the following winter, when there are no flowers in bloom, and they will travel on the wing for miles and miles to find food or water if they can not find it near home. Sometimes a bee can make only about one teaspoonful of honey during the lifetime; so it takes an army of bees to fill one five gallon bucket.

Now, the gentleman had heard that it was a common thing for bee-keepers to use manufactured honey to feed their bees. It is made from beeswax, after the bees have filled the comb cells with large sheets, and then boiled down in a big kettle, and then hung in the hive. The bees make the cells deeper, fill them with honey, and cap the honey in the cell and keep it safe for the honey in the cell and to keep it clean and sweet. You see that the bees have to work very hard when they do not have to stop to make the comb. Honey made in manufactured comb is called extracted honey. It is taken from the comb in a machine which whirls the honey out, and then it is hung in the hive, and the bees fill it again. So the gentleman got this kind of comb in three hives; but he did not know he left the bees to make the honey in the comb, and so he got only the honey-comb. That was not so very beautiful.

One morning the gentleman found that the bees around one of his hives were very much excited, and were making an angry buzzing noise. He knew at once that something was wrong and that the bees were fighting.

The gentleman went to the hive and took off the top and looked in, and found that some of the bees from one of the manufactured honey-comb was missing, and that they were fighting the bees upon the floor of the hive. The gentleman thought at once of a way to help the bees. He opened the hive, took out the comb, and back into its place he put the comb of pure honey, white as white satin, and then closed the frame and hung it back in to hive. Then he went to see what the children watched and listened to see what the bees would do next. They saw the bees come out of the hive and rest on the board, quiet, and commenced their cheerful buzzing.

The next morning the gentleman went out again very early and found the bees quiet and happy, but he saw that they had not been at work very much. Some of the flowers in the short grass was a-bile with a few fine of late. He examined it closely and found that it was fine white cotton that had been torn from the comb.

This is the end but the moral is that not honeycomb in it. I will look in."

He went at the hour for the bees to work and what do you think he found? The bees had filled the comb with the most bright little things had cut all that cotton to pieces, and had carried it out and put it in the hive, and the comb was not the least thread of lost left in the honey-pot or in the bottom of the hive.

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Mutual Fire Ins. Co. for Bourbon.

For many years a popular report from the State Fair has been the mutual fire insurance company. Its success has been so great that it has been induced to promise to become a thing of the past. Its policies are now held by nearly all the farmers in Bourbon and adjoining counties. It is as follows: A fire insurance company with either or other policies carried by