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It is hot and summer is just about to begin. These 90 degree days and record setting temperatures take a lot out of me. I am spending less time in the bee yard and doing some reading. This issue caused me to go back to an author of great repute in the late 1800's. Beekeeping conditions have changed greatly in the 141 years since the book "The Bee-Keeper's Guide; or Manual of the Apiary" was written by A.J. Cook professor of Entomology in the Michigan State Agricultural College.

Beekeeping topics are very familiar to us even today. The Italian bee was rapidly replacing the German black bees then found in all parts of the U.S. I am sharing some of the honey gathering information in this issue that may be unbelievable. But the fact is the United States of America is nothing like what it was back in 1881. We don't have to worry about the sweat on our horses tied to the hitching post being attacked by bees.

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