Mr. Frank Benton writes to the Ree Keepers' Magazine of a foreign variety of bees called the Cyprian. which he thinks may become a rival of the famed Italians.

The first colony of Cyprian bees brought to Europe, arrived in 118 original hive, which was a long earthen cylinder. Owing to the long journey and numerous transfers, it was in very bad condition, yet the two hundred workers, still alive, were able to defend their queen when placed in the midst of a colony of Dalmatian bees, which race is even more energetic than the Italians. A thousand of the Dalmatian bees were killed in this encounter, though strange as it may seem not a single one of the Cyprians was vanquished.

Mr. Cori states that the Cyprians have shown their superiority in wintering, as also have the bees from the Smyrnian coast adjacent to the Island of Cyprus. The climate of northern Austria (Mr. Cori's latitude is about 50 deg. 30 min N.) is quite similar to that of our Mildle States, hence the new race of bees has been subjected to winters as severe as those ordiparily experienced in our northern climate.

The original insects imported from Cyprus, says Mr. Cori, were smaller than the common black bees, but the young ones bred in Europe are much larger, and build larger cells than the common bees. The Cyprian workers have a succession of double rings, of an orange vellow color, around the abdomen. Their disposition is very mild. The queens are very prolific. The drones have one yellow circle around the abdomen, and their sides are mottled.

The statements concerning these bees-made by a man occupying the position of a chancellor in the government of Bohemia-ought certainly to be trustworthy.

Apiculture has risen rapidly since the Italian bees were brought here fifteen years ago, and we all know that much of its progress is due to their introduction. Who knows but that another new and superior race would work new wonders? 'Perhaps even that vexatious question, winter. ing, can be thus settled.

The following semi-humorous article in the New York Journal of Commerce has been on our table several days: THE NEWEST THING FOR FARMERS. -lt takes American ingenuity to put pure science to practical use. When Dr. Darwin wrote his learned work on "Insectiverous Plants," he little thought that it would suggest to the Wilmington (N. C.) STAR the long sought sovereign remedy for the winged pests that devour our crops. In his book the naturalist describes those curious varieties of plants that eatch insects and live upon them. His careful observations and many experiments leave no doubt that this is the function of the "sundew," "Venus's fly trap," and others of the family. The sundew is an innocent looking little weed, with round- FURIFIES THE BLOOD, RENOVATES AND IN shaped leaves symmetrically arranged about the stem. These are covered with bright drops of sticky fluid which sparkle in the sunlight and make a thing of beauty to the beholder. But that which delights the eye of man is death to the vagrant fly, spider, beetle or butterfly. He lights on the leaf to sip the seeming nectar; he might as well have stepped into prepared glue, for when he tries to rise, his feet are firmly held by the viscous substance, his wings become also entangled, and to make sure of him, a quantity of hair-like filaments, with which the leaf is covered, automatically close about him, rendering his prison complete. This is also his stren then the whole system, acts upon the secretive or and allow him the back. Render to companie, arising from internal niceration, and uterine diseases and General Debility. Vecetive acts directly upon the cause of these complaints. It invigates and stren then the whole system, acts upon the secretive or an allow inflammation. grave. The best insect powder might kill a trifle so mer, but not more surely. In fifteen minutes he is dead, and the diabolical little sundew is absorbing his junces into itself with a relish. Dr. Darwin clearly shows that it lives on animal food chiefly, and has the insatiable appetite of a bear. Thus gitted, it is gloriously independent of a nourishing soil, and will flourish where only the humblest mosses can exist. The sundew is well distributed in England. Its analogue in this country is the Dionœa, popularly known as Venus's fly trap, found principally or only in the region lying between Wilmington and Newbern, N. C., and along the Santee river in South Carolina. Its destructive apparatus surpasses that of the sundew. In addition to the adhesive fluid and the closing tentacles it has double plaints; then you will say to your friend, neighbor and acquaintance, "Try it; it has cured me." other, like the common sensitive plant, and penuing its victims beyoud the last hope of escape. This treacherous and horrible product of nature being indigenous to North Carolina it is meet that a paper of that State should be

trials would show we her the Dioncea

would live in ground suitable for or-

dinary crops, and in any latitude oth-

er than those where it is now found.

Those points settled favorably for the

experimenter, there is no question

that this ravenous vegetable could be

trusted to do its work well. No fly, bug

or beetle can resist its temptatians;

which is also as treacherous and cruel

as a serpent, it is fascinating, too, we must confess. But we quit the sub-Commissioner of Agriculture ought to look into it and report. If nothing else came of it, he could supply a readable paper to relieve the dreary monotony of his, annual volume.

The Golden Age. Dr. Beard, of New York, makes a statling statement. He asserts that the best work of life is done between the ages of thirty and forty. His words are: "From an analysis of the lives of a thousand representative men in all the great branches of human effort, I have made the discovery that the golden decade is between thirty and forty, the silbetween forty and fifty, the brazen between twenty and thirty, the iron between fifty and six-* * * Original work requires enthusiasm. If all the original work done by men under forty five were annihilated, the world would be reduced to barbarism."

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day of January, 18 6, at 3 o'clock M. expose to
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mington, for cash, the following described parcel of
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line of Righth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly
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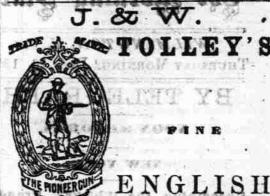
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