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The safeguards provided against the administration of poison to the despotic oriental rulers are rudimentary compared with those which stand between queens of the honeybee and such a risk. Curiously enough, this is a phase of the internal economy of the beehive which appears to have escaped observation.

In the British isles no poisonous honey is collected. If it exists the bees have learned to avoid it. Probably there is none, as the honey from at least one dangerous plant, the deadly nightshade, is harmless. Ivy honey would be the most suspicious of any gathered on a large scale, and it only exerts, so far as observation goes, a slightly laxative effect on the digestive organs. Although in this country no poisonous honey is known, it is met with in other places, notably in Asiatic Turkey. It was in this region that Xenophon's soldiers were poisoned 2,300 years ago by honey from the Azelia pontica, a plant which still flourishes in Armenia. Some centuries later a Roman army suffered similarly, but less severely, there being no deaths.

The precaution of compelling the cook to eat a portion of every dish, which is the usual safeguard of despotic rulers, or the still more primitive plan of giving the first helping to a little dog, can be eluded by a clever Borgia by having only one-half of a bird or pastry poisoned. In a wasps' nest each forager on returning proceeds directly to the queen and offers refreshment. Consequently the queen is sometimes destroyed by slowly acting poison. Further as regards wasps, it is observed that when any larvæ not recently fed perceive the queen receiving food they become restless. If nearly grown they wag their heads in a suggestive way, which plainly conveys a demand for a share. Each forager after feeding the queen gives the balance of his load direct to the nurses.

In the case of the honeybee one possible reason why no virulently poisonous honey reaches the hive may be that the insect foolish enough to collect any would probably die, as the so called honey sack is really a stomach in which a preliminary digestive process proceeds. This is proved by the polariscope, which shows that, while the nectar of the flowers is pure cane sugar, or levulose, the substance in the hive cells is sacrometrically half dextrose and half cane sugar. Dextrose is invert sugar, a coarse variety of which is the glucose of commerce. Forager bees returning to the beehive place the half digested product known as honey in their storeroom with other honey. This mixing would have the effect of attenuating a poisoned load should such be brought in.

Foraging bees never feed the queen or young larvæ, but they give a mouthful or two to drones in passing. Just before sealing for the metamorphosis workers and drones are fed with honey mixed with pollen. Not so the young queens, who only get a further supply of the redigested milky substance known as chyle, which is the sustenance of all larvæ indiscriminately during the first three days of their existence. During the chrysalis stage there is no feeding. It is the business of a gang, distinct for the time being, to cater for the queen and young. They bring the food from the stores and submit it to the digestive process referred to, after which it is regurgitated to supply the needs of the queen and young larvæ. The attendants are numerous, and each supplies only a minute quantity. The queen bee is so constituted that her digestive system is capable of assimilating only the prepared food of chyle. She will die in a few hours on a comb containing honey, although kept at the temperature of the hive.

Thus it would appear that the safeguards are:

First.—A bee collecting poisonous honey would probably die before reaching the hive.

Second.—If one succeeded in depositing poisoned honey, the circumstance that it did so would prove the poison to be not virulent, and its mixture with other honey in the storeroom would still further attenuate the poison and render it harmless. This is the stage at which the product becomes human food. It has, as stated above, occurred that poisoned honey has passed both these lines of defense.

Third.—Should the honey be still deleterious the alimentary attendants of the queen would first suffer, and only those bringing wholesome food would reach her, as a struggle for the privilege of feeding her majesty is continually in progress.

Fourth.—Should the stores pass the three safeguards before mentioned there is still another—viz, that each one of the queen's attendants feeds her only for a second at a time, and thus she would never get a sufficient quantity to affect her seriously. The queen is always on the move and the competition to feed her so great that she is continually bringing fresh bees in front of her, from which position alone food can be administered. No worker bee would think of jostling; every one gives way to the queen.

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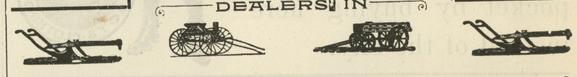

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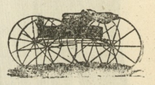

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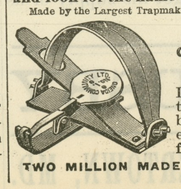

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