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Bees:—Workers and Queens from Eggs laid by Workers.

Mr. G. W. Onions, P.O. Retreat, Cape District, has deposited with the Government Entomologist an account of observations and experiments conducted by himself, which tend to show that laying workers of the native black honey bee are far more common than is generally supposed, and that their eggs generally produce workers and not infrequently queens. Mr. Onions is a keen bee enthusiast who is well acquainted with the standard British and American publications on bees, and he believes that he has fully substantiated his astonishing statements. The phenomenon has been suspected by him for several years. He does not suggest that it is true of the Italian or any other exotic variety of bee,—his observations in this connection being confined entirely to the African bee although he breeds others. He proposes to make the details of his chief observations and experience public at a later date.