

weather is fair, but no honey can be collected from plants, and is to be found only in the hives of other bees, they will venture their lives to get it there. Dr. Warder is of opinion, that the cause of their fighting is the necessity to which they are reduced from their own hives being plundered at a season when it is too late for them to repair the loss by any industry in the fields.

Sometimes one of the queens is killed in battle: in that case the bees of both hives unite as soon as her death is generally known among them. All then become one people; if it be the queen of the attacked which falls, the vanquished go off with the robbers, richly laden with their own spoils, and return every day with their new associates to pillage their old habitation.

It is well known that bees gather two kinds of wax, one coarse and the other fine. The coarser sort is bitter, and with this, which is called propolis, they stop up all the holes and crevices of their hives. It is of a more resinous nature than the fine wax, and is consequently better qualified to resist the moisture of the season, and preserve the works warm and dry within. The fine wax is as necessary to the