

animal's preservation as the honey itself. With this they make their lodgings, with this they cover the cells of their young, and in this they lay up their magazines of honey.

As of wax, there are also two kinds of honey. The white and the yellow. The white is taken without fire from the honey-combs, the yellow is extracted by heat, and squeezed through bags in a press. Honey made in mountainous countries, is preferable to that of the valley. The honey made in the spring, is best, the summer next, and that in autumn the most inferior.

Bees are nearly alike in all parts of the world, yet these are differences worthy our notice. In Guadaloupe, the bee is less by one half than the European, and more black and round. They have no sting, and make their cells in hollow trees; where, if the hole they meet with be too large, they form a sort of waxen house, of the shape of a pear, and in this they lodge and store their honey, and lay their eggs. They lay up their honey in waxen vessels of the size of a pigeon's egg, of a black or deep violet colour, and these are so joined together, that there is no space left between them. The honey never congeals, but is
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