

all the works, from time to time, and enters into the cell, as if it wanted to see whether every thing were properly performed; in the morning, the young humble-bees are very idle, and seem not at all inclined to labour, till one of the largest, about seven o'clock, thrusts half its body from a hole, designed for that purpose, and seated on the top of the nest, beats its wings for twenty minutes successively, buzzing the whole time, till the whole colony is put in motion. The humble-bees; gather honey, as well as the common bees; but it is neither so fine, nor so good, nor is the wax so clean, or so capable of fusion.

There are various kinds of bees which make only wax; such as the *Wood-bee*, which is seen in every garden. It is rather larger than the common queen-bee; its body of a bluish black, which is smooth and shining. It begins to appear at the approach of spring, and is seen flying near walls exposed to a sunny aspect. This bee makes its nest in some piece of half rotten wood, which it contrives to scoop and hollow for its purpose. The holes are not made directly forward, but turning to one side, and have a small opening; whence runs the inner apartment, generally twelve or fifteen inches long.