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THIS MEDICINE PACKS A STING.

From Germany come these pictures of Europe's biggest bee-keeping centre at Illertissen, Bavaria. More than 1,000 swarms are sheltered here, and besides honey and wax, a new scientific remedy for sciatica, gut and rheumatism is produced from the bee's poisonous sting. As the bee dies when it loses its sting, only the oldest are used. Pressing them against a soft paper, the sting is drawn out. Next step is to distil and concentrate the bee-poison and seal it, in medical vials.

Other forms of the anti-rheumatism preparation are made into ointments. Ten stings go into each tubeful.

Yet another new way of healing opens - with the help of science - and the bees.

In Tokio, an Imperial limousine delivers 13 year old Akihito, Crown Prince of Japan at school for his first dose of educational medicine. Previously, the Emperor's sons were taught inside the Palace by special tutors. Now, they're no longer officially regarded as Gods, though the bowing and scraping hasn't stopped. An Equestrian display leads off the school's welcome to its star pupil. It's all part of Emperor Hirohito's new love of democratic ways, but the boy Prince has a lot to learn.

Foo ball gets a place in the Imperial curriculum and Akihito learns to distinguish a full back from a goal post by a stately bit of watching.

If there ever is another Emperor of Japan, it will be Akihito. Today he rates a loud Banpai from his respectful school-mates.