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Apiculture Vocabulary in the Kartvelian Languages

The article discusses a single part of apiculture; viz., putkari ('a bee') and the lexemes denoting its dwelling from the historico-etymological point of view. Various motivations of the names denoting bees' dwelling gave interesting conclusions for the history of apiculture: viz. it has been proved that at the early stage (before a bee was made domestic) the word puḡi ('a tree with a hollow') had been used; as for the next stage: geḡa, rogo, kodi, puḡa, ḡweb, oḡtomeli, biḡvi, buḡi – the dish characteristic of different branches of farming: at the third stage (after apiculture was developed) – sḡa ('a hive').